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THE TEES KARSJEN van der VELDE FAMILY RECORD

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Velde

van der Velde, van de Velde; of Dordrecht, and Leyde, Holland.

Arms: Argent, on a mound vert, five trees vert, the second and fourth elevated above the other three.

Crest: A deer issuant proper between two wings argent and vert.

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MAP OF EAST FRIESLAND 1725

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C O A T - O F - A R M S

In all ages and in all quarters of the world distinguishing symbols have been adopted by trib or nations,by families or chieftains. Greek and Roman poets describe the devices borne on the shields of heroes. In the East we have such ancient symbols as the five-clawed dragon of the Chinese empire and the chrysanthemum of the emperor of Japan. Before the landing of the Spaniards in Mexico the Aztec chiefs carried shields and banners some of whose devices showed after the fashion of a phonetic writing the names of their bearers. Totemism must be regarded as another of the forerunners of heraldry. When true heraldry began in Western Europe nothing is more remarkable than the suddenness of its development, once the idea of heriditary armorial symbols was taken by the nobles and knights. Kings and princes probably were the first to be found bearing arms.

Heraldry in the sense of a systematized science of heriditary armorial bearings dates from th early 12th Century. Several factors contributed to the origin of heraldry, the most important of these were: (a) Warriors who covered their heads and bodies with armour needed some identifying marks easily recognizable in battle. (b) The need, in an age when few could write, for personal seals which served rather than signatures on official or private papers. Princes, nobles, knights, and gentry adopted the custom and proudly displayed their arms in ornaments, jewelry and embroider as well as on their paraphernalia of war. From the practice of embroidering the family device on the surcoat, worn over the coat of mail, comes the expression "Coat-of-Arms". Arms were chosen by the bearer to suit his fancy. Often the emblems were commemorative of some heroic deed, or represented the family name as does the van der Velde Coat-of-Arms shown here. In the early part of the 15th Century the assumption of arms was prohibited except by virtue of inheritance or a grant from the Crown.

In J.B. Riestap Armorial General 1887 pages 982-983, twenty different coats-of-arms are described which were borne by men named Velde. All but one had the prefixes "van der" or "van de", the exception was "van den". The title "van" meant "the nobility of" or more generally "of" and the articles "der" "de" and "den" all translate into "the" in English. The Dutch word "veld"(e) means the bush grown fenlands or marshy fields. As in France the Dutch nobility took their names from the land they owned; in all aristocracy the land-property was at the bottom of everything and indicated the might of the nobleman and his family since the land was the property of the family. Riestap listed these "noblemen of the veld" as Follows: van der Velde or van de Velde, of Dortrech and Leyde (Leyden); van de Velde, Barons, of Bruxelles, (south of Dortrecht a short distance); van de Velde, Dukes, of Utrecht; van de Velde, Princes, of Utrecht; van-der Velde and van der Velden, Amerfoort; van de Velde of Amsterdam; van der Velde of Louvain; van de Velde of Flanders; and van de Velde of Bruges; van de Velde, two different ones, of Brabant; and seven others listed Holland. These districts in which these titled gentlemen lived were principalities or countships. Alliances with these powerful princes were much sought for by the kings of France and England.

No attempt has been made to connect the Tees Carsjen van der Velde Family with any of the titled van der Velde. The Coat-of-Arms here presented was chosen because it seemed most symbolic of the name. It is an emblem that signifies to the Veldes of today that, centuries ago, men of their name were builders of their country and valiant soldiers in war.

F O R E W O R D

This genealogy illustrates the migrations of entire families from Europe to the United States in the nineteenth century. Three of Tees Carsjen van der Velde's children with their entire families, and the children of another son and those of another daughter, came to the United States and established homes in or near Pekin, Illinois. In 1942 work was begun recording the vital data for this book. With the exception of the Zimmer family-tree, contributed by Fred W. Zimmer of Skokie, Illinois, the research in the European background of the van der Velde family was made in 1950 by Winona W. Pfander. Further research is now in progress in Wirdum, Friesland, Holland. This work will be continued by Winona W. Pfander to include Woerden, Leyden, and Dortrecht, Holland. The part of this data which was secured from the Evangelical-Reformed Church of Wirdum, East Friesland, the same church that compiled the Zimmer family-tree, does not agree with the Zimmer data. Therefore it and the Zimmer family-tree are of little value except as material for speculation. Amateur genealogists are ofter warned by professional researchers that the European genealogies are frequently not authentic. There are several reasons why this is true: First, the writing and the languages of the Middle Ages are very different from ours of today. Second, the pages are torn and the handwriting faded. Third, the fee is high, and many poor clerks are tempted to add doubtful data to increase the sum which they receive for their work. However, the records from the churches of Hamswehrum, and Norden, East Friesland, are very probably correct, as they cover a much later time and are written in the languages of only one hundred years ago.

We also present in this volume a Roll of those members of the family who have served our country in the armed forces in past wars. Three of this group have made the supreme sacrifice. Several others are now serving in the present war in Korea.

The Editors wish to thank all members of the family who have contributed facts and time to the making of this book. We especially wish to thank James Albertson Velde, Attorney, of Chicago, Illinois. It was he who supplied the names of the common ancestors, Tees Carsjen van der Velde and his wife, Tryntje Dirks, from the genealogical notes of his Aunt Katherine Henrietta Velde.

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Mrs. Jacob Bakker Velde, of Mason City, Illinois, last of the living immigrants, replied in December, 1946, to a letter of inquiry from Winona W. Pfander: "Grandfather and Grandmother were originally from Holland, and they both had Holland Bibles and Song Books. During the War Years they went over into Germany" (East Friesland). And in another letter about the family background, written in 1949, she had her daughter write: "Yes, definitely our forefathers were from Holland." (Mrs. Jacob Velde died in 1949). These reminiscences suggest further discussion concerning the ancestral home of the Tees Carsjen van der Velde family. From the study of the Coat-of-Arms, we know that the name was well known in the Countships now called Holland, and in the neighboring principalities ruled by French princes in the 12th Century. The towns named in the discussion of the Coat-of-Arms-Dortrecht, Leyden, Utrecht, Amsterdam-encircle a small district named Woerdenland, a bush-grown fenland or veld. In this district is the ancient town of Woerden. This is now one of the large cities of Holland. It is just sixteen miles from The Hague-home of the Frisian Counts of Holland, the Dirks, and only a few miles south of Haarlem, the home of the famous Dutch Artists named van de Velde who lived in the 16th and 17th Centuries. These artists were: Esaias (1590-1630 landscapes; his brother Jan (1595-1652), engraver and etcher and member of the Painter's Guild of Haarlem; Willem the Elder (1611-93), marine painter; appointed to Charles II of England as Court Painter; his son Willem the Younger (1633-1707), foremost marine painter of the Dutch school. The English galleries and the Museum of Amsterdam are especially rich in his works, the latter possess the "Cannon Shot". Adriaen (1635-72), youngest son of Willem the Elder, animal and landscape painte was a pupil of his father. Above 211 of his pictures survive. He was one of the best etchers of the Dutch school. (Standard Encyclopedia, Vol. 24, pages 307-8).

HOLLAND

The beginnings of the history of Holland center in the Abby of Egmont, in the archives of which its records have been preserved. In 922 this Abby with all the land belonging to it was given to a count in Frisia, Dirk by name. This man known as Dirk I established the first line of th Counts of Holland which ended after a rule of nearly four hundred years. The Dirks were the first line of counts who made of Holland a separate district. For several centuries before this time, Holland had been only a part of Frisia. At that time Frisia included all the lowlands from Normandy France, to Denmark. The Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol. 11, page 669, gives this account of these counts: "Europe has perhaps never seen an abler series of princes than these fourteen lineal descendants of Dirk I. Excepting the last there is not a weak man among them. Physically handsome and strong, model knights in the days of chivalry, hard fighter, wise statesmen, they were born leaders of men; always ready to advance the commerce of their country they were the supporters of the growing towns, and likewise were pioneers in the task of converting a land of marshes and swamps into fertile agricultural territory, rich in flocks and herds. As individuals they had their failings, but one and all were members of a high souled race."

THE FRISIANS

The Frisians are believed to have come into the Lowlands (Netherlands) in the second century before Christ. Motley, the historian, describes them as a people who were never conquered, not even by Julius Caesar, and they have maintained their ethnic (group or racial customs and habits) indentity for two milleniums. The Frisians are technically closely related to the English and there are many similarities between their language and the English. They are a distinct people with a separat language and a literature of their own which they have cherished century after century. The Frisian were several times conquered and several times restored to their ancient liberties. In 911 East Frisia, the area between the Ems and the Weser rivers, asserted their independence from Charles the Great of the Franks who had overcome the Lowlands and governed themselves after a very simple democratic fashion. Through the centuried that followed they stoutly maintained this independence and stubbornly refused to accept foreign customs or languages even though they were several times subjugated, first by Spain and then by Napoleon. In 1870 they were conquered by Prussia. A year later the German Empire under Kaiser Wilhelm was formed and East Frisia became a district in the province of Hanover, Germany, and remains so today. (All events which occurred before this date are recorded in this book as of East Friesland; after this date they are listed as of Germany.) It is in Wierdum East Friesland, that so far as the research has revealed to date, the story of the Tees Carsjen van der Velde Family begins. However, not only is there the town of Woerden described above but also there is a town named Wirdum in Friesland, Holland, situated very near and just south of Leeuwarden the capital of Friesland, Holland. It is from the vicinity of Leeuwarden that the "Other Veldes" named in this book, migrated to the United States.

THE ORIGIN OF THE NAMES

The date of the first use of personal names precedes recorded history. For many centuries first or given names were the only designations that men and women bore. While the roots of our system of family names may be traced back to early civilized times, actually the heriditary sur-

name as we know it today traces from the 10th Century A.D. Heriditary surnames were in use by the Normans and Saxons in the 9th Century, but were not generally used on the Continent and in England until four centuries later.

At first the family name was only a word to distinguish one man from his neighbor and was seldom used except in legal records, particularly in the marriage records of a woman. Pastor Johannes Tunner of the Evangelical-Reformed Church, Norden, East Friesland, inclosed a letter, dated November 28, 1950, with the abstracts from the Church Register, in which he explained the custom followed in East Frisia before the general use of surnames. The abstracts were from the registery of Antje Dirks van der Velde of Norden, East Friesland. It was written that "her father was Dirk Gerrits who was not born there" and the abstract reads: "Antje Dirks van der Velde is married in 1795 to Harm Hinderks who has the surname Bakker." Pastor Tunner's letter states: "In former time, in the 1700's the most families in East Frisia have not had a surname. The father's given name only was annexed to the child's Christian name. For example Antje is the daughter of Dirk Gerrits van der Velde therefore she is named Antje Dirks. Her baptismal register reads Antje Dirks but when she marries it is Antje Dirks van der Velde".* Ofter the suffix "en", "een" was added to the father's Christian name to denote "child of"; if the child's name ended in "s" the "s" was doubled. Thus we find in the abstracts from the Church records the name "Theeshen" added to the name of every child of Tees except Eetje and Dirk Foeken, who were named for their maternal grandparents. (The "h" is the error of the church clerk who mistook the old way of writing "s" for an "h". The original copy of the Zimmer family-tree shows this.)

"The lines of ancestry, written down in the Church-books, are of course only of the nobility as they were the only class considered important enough (except the Clergy) to give interest to. As the nobility generally had one main name of their principal land-property, for men and women alike, it was not difficult to record their pedigree."See the Dutch booklet of dr mr J. Belonje: Steenen Charters (Charters of Stone), Heemschutserie 8.

Surnames when first used generally indicated the occupation, the appearance, some characteristic of the person, or the place where he lived. Examples: Occupations-Mulder-miller; Smith, Smid, Schmitt-worker in metals; Bakker-baker; Carson-a farmer. Appearance: Brown-dark hair and eyes. Characteristic of the person: Richard-a friend of the people: Theodoric (Latin), Dirk (Dutch) ruler of the people. The name van der Velde had its origin, no doubt, from the place where the person lived. The transition from Carsjen of the veld, or farmer of the marsh, to van der Velde was a natural and almost inevitable development of a surname.

We do not know who first bore the surname van der Velde. It is an ancient and honorable one. In the days of chivalry the van der Velde men developed their marsh grown lands and supported the ruling princes. They were knighted for their loyalty, and rose to become rulers themselves-barons, dukes, and princes. Centuries later some of the van der Veldes became famous in the fields of the fine arts. And still later with the beginning of this genealogy, they are merchants, and skilled craftsmen, deeply religious and sharing the ancient determination of their forefathers for freedom from despotic rulers.

Today the descendants of Tees Carsjen van der Velde are leaders in the business world, agriculturalists, engineers, lawyers, editors, statesmen and educators. All have fought to defend their country when the need arose. Truly a proud record.

Several items in the foregoing notes and several that appear later support Mrs. Jacob B. Velde's recollection that the family originated in Holland: First, Extensive reading in the ancient histories of the Lowlands did not reveal the name van der Velde anywhere except in Holland and the early French provinces. This study did disclose, however, that the name was current there in the 12th Century, and continued to be current in Holland until the 18th Century when our story begins. Second, No place of birth is given for any of the van der Veldes in the statements concerning them in the Wirdum, East Friesland, Church Records. Not until 1820 do we find an abstract that names the place of birth. Pastor Behrends of the Evangelical-Reformed Church at Hamswehrum sent fifteen birth registeries of Tees Carsjen van der Velde's grandchildren and two of his great grandchildren. With the exception of Dirk Foeken van der Velde's eldest child, all of these state the place of birth as Hamswehrum, East Friesland. Third, The church book at Norden, East Friesland, definitely states that a contemporary of Tees Carsjen van der Velde, Dirk Gerrit van der Velde, was not born there. And fourth and most conclusive, the fact that Eetje van der Velde, eldest child of Tees and Tryntje, was married at The Hague, and that Dirk Foeken, second child of Tees and Tryntje, married a girl with a French name.

*Only this one family of van der Veldes is found in the Church Register at Norden, Antje was a contemporary of Tees Carsjen, her father was not born there. He may have come to East Frisia with the parents of Tees and was probably related to them. The only two records were of Antje's birth and marriage. Her parents data were "compiled" by Pastor Tunner.

TEES CARSJEN van der VELDE

Excerpts from the church register of the church community Wirdum (East Friesland) ... started in the year 1815: "Baptisms of the year 1757.* On July 16, Carsjen Tees and Eetje Heits, married couple, had a son born, on the 17th of July, he was baptized and named Tees." "Baptism of the year 1759.* In between the 6th and 7th of August Dirk Foeken and Foelke Eggen, married couple, had a daughter born, she was baptized August 12, and named Tryntie."

Excerpt from the church register of the Congregation Wirdum 1772-1814: Married between 1787-88. "On October 15 have been married Master Thees Karsjens son of the late Karhjen Theeshen, during his life a Master Shoemaker, and Tryntje Dirks, daughter of the late Dirk Foeken during his life property owner (Houseman) by official proclamation. Their marriage was consummated in the house of the mother of the bride." Of these excerpts Dr. Erwin Van Allen, translator wrote: "The registrations about baptism of the year 1757 and 1759 are of a Dutch nature which to the most part is not in use any more. But the most interesting part is the marriage registration of 1787 to 1788. There is very little Dutch, a little Latin, but most of it is written apparently in a special Frisian dialect which isn't spoken today and has been very hard to translate.

The reason for the use of these different languages of the church registration in this community can be easily explained by the turmoil of events of those years. The German Reich did not exist as such at that time. The border line between the German Provinces of Oldenburg and Holland were definitely not rigid. It is rather better to assume at this particular time, the territory of East Friesland was part of the kingdom of the Netherlands. This kingdom of the Netherlands belonged part of the time to the empire with Napoleon at the head. We have to consider that this also was the time of the French Revolution and political situations were not very clear. However, the fact that the additional unusual remark was put into the church register, "that the marriage was consummated in the house of the Mother of the bride," might be explained by the fact that the Netherlands at that time were under French control and that Catholicism was officially declared the official religion. This might have been the cause for the above mentioned event which might have prevented a regular church marriage in the Evangelical-Reformed Church. A great part of the Netherlands was occupied by forces of Napoleon who saw to it that Catholicism was spread and Reformed Churches were rather suppressed during that time.

You might be interested in knowing that I also consulted and had a conference with Dr. Leon Engers of the Art school of Bradley University whose native land are the Netherlands and whose native tongue is Dutch. He, too, agreed with all the statements I have made above, especially, that it is definitely not the modern Dutch language, which is in use today, that it must be some kind of Frisian dialect which might have been used because of the above described political situations."

Excerpt from the church register of the Congregation Wirdum ... started in the year 1815. "Death and manners of death in the 1830: Tees Carsjens van der Velde Shoemaker Master Workman, and married, died March 19, at the age of 73 after an illness of long duration." "Death and manners of death in the year 1837: Trientje Dirks, widow of the late Shoemaker Master Workman Tees Carsjens van der Velde died the 13th of January at the age of 78, of old age (weakness)".

The following ancestral lineage was "compiled" by Pastor Kluver of the Evangelical-Reformed Church at Wirdum, East Friesland, and is dated September 22, 1950. It is included here only as a matter of interest. Its truthfulness is very doubtful for several reasons. First, it is written out as copied here, not as legal abstracts. Second, it does not agree with another one from the same church, mad by a different pastor, for Miss Ella Zimmer in 1936. Third, a second request to Pastor Kluver, accompanied by a second generous check, for abstracts from the register, brought only a testy statement that the lineage was correct.

Tees Carsjen (born July 16, 1756)

His father is:

1. Karhjen Theeshen Born: April 1719

*Attention is called to the dates. The register was started in 1815, yet it is attested to have records of marriages in this family which occured in 1679.

Eitje Haits — Married: November 15, 1750
from Uttum
Died January 23, 1785

Died: May 21, 1784

His Grandfather is:
2. Tyes Kersje — Born: February, 1686
Antje Gerrits — Married: November 6, 1715
died: August 3, 1770
born: 1695

Died: October 1, 1729

The Father of his Grandfather is:
3. Carstjen Gerds — Born: ?
Gebke Theyshen — Married February 28, 1679
from Laquard

Died: 1718

This lineage for Tryntje Dirks is copied from the "family-tree" made for Miss Ella Zimmer, September 8, 1936, by Wiltzonny, Pastor of the Evangelical-Reformed Church at Wirdum, East Friesland. It gives only her grandfather on the paternal line, but is very lengthy in the maternal. This family tree was translated by Dr. Erwin Van Allen of Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, October 11, 1950.

Tryntje Dirks — Born August 12, 1759

The paternal line:

"Her father was Dirk Foeken, born in Aurich, property owner (Houseman). He married Foelke Eggen May 6, 1753. She was born January 14, 1935, died April 30, 1815, Wirdum, Tryntje's grandfather was Foeke Dirks of Aurich."

The maternal line:

"Her mother's parents were Egge Fokken (b. November 7, 1706;d. February 16, 1783) and Aarye Reuwerdts (died September 30, 1750). They were married January 30, 1735. Tryntje Dirks' maternal grandfather Egge Fokken was the son of Fokke Eggen (b. January 23, 1676;d. November 3, 1728) and Beeke Dirks (born Greutjill;d. February 9, 1734). They were married April 29, 1703. Fokke Eggen was the son of Egge Lubben (d. April 24, 1685) and Foelke —— daughter of Focke Mimmes (d. October 3, 1673). Beeke Dirks was the daughter of Dirk Muller (b. Greetjul). "Tryntje Dirks' maternal grandmother Aarye Reuwerdts, (d. September 30, 1750) was the daughter of -- Reuwerdts Seydm (b. July 11 1669;d. March 29, 1722) and Peterke Claessen, daughter of Claes Hinrichs (on the little beer below Engerhan). They were married May 13, 1703. Reuwerdt Seydm was the son of Seyde Theyen (b. 1631; d. October 14, 1696), and Greetje Reuwerdts (d. March 10, 1708). They were married November 25, 1666." (All these events, unless otherwise stated, occured at "Wirdum", so the family-tree states, but it fails to indicate which Wirdum.

The children of Tees Carsjen and his wife Tryntje Dirks are:*

1. Eetje: born March 31, 1789, married at the Hague 1817 to Stephan Rudolf Bieken.
2. Dirk Foeken: born November 2, 1790, married March 23, 1818 to Jantje Berendine Kok in Lintel.
3. Foelke: born June 5, 1792, married?
4. Carsjen: born March 17, 1794, married August 11, 1822, to Frauke Lupkes in Pewsum.
5. Grietje: born February 17, 1796, married?
6. Focke: born October 30, 1797, married Eelke Hinrichs Smeda
7. Hilke: born December 30, 1799, married?

Translated to the best of my knowledge:

Erwin Van Allen

Erwin Van Allen, Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois.

Notes: Tees Carsjen van der Velde and Tryntje Dirks, his wife,are the common ancestors of all the Veldes and related families-except the "Other Veldes"-who are recorded in this volume. He is called Merchant in the Zimmer family-tree, and Shoemaker, Master Workman in the Death and Burial Registry of the Evangelical-Reformed Church, of Wirdum, East Friesland. The use of both terms indicates that: he was an expert craftsman-all shoes were hand made then; that he was owner of the shop with a number of journeymen working for him; that he purchased the raw materials used in his shop; and that he sold the products of his factory. In the Middle Ages the Merchant's Guild became very powerful in the control and promotion of Trade. These Guilds received their charters and Coats-of-

*This was also a mere listing just as given above, not original abstracts as were those from Pastor Behrends of Hamswehrum, East Friesland. Therefore we may assume that they were registered long after the events occured.

Arms as grants from the kings or other rulers and various members of the Merchant's Guilds became advisers and counsellors to the kings. Their business often took them into far countries. Many master craftsmen became wealthy and all were leaders in their towns and were influential in directing the policies of the community. To what extent Tees Carsjen van der Velde engaged in these activities is not known. But judging him by his descendants, we may assume that he was a public spirited citizen and a successful business man.

Tryntje Dirks van der Velde, daughter of Dirk Foeken Dirks and Foelke Eggen, was also the possessor of a name which arose from the Dark Ages as the designation of men who were, indeed, the "rulers of the people." Three centuried after the rule of the Counts Dirk of Holland, we find Tryntje's father named as "property owner". At this time, as is shown on the map, East Friesland was a Countship. Therefore, we may assume that the Dirks were men prominent in their community as the land was given only to men who distinguished themselves by service to the ruling Prince. No birth place is given for her grandfather Foeke Dirks. Very probably he, with Dirk Gerrits van der Velde and Karsjhen Theyshen, father of Tees Carsjen van der Velde, removed to East Friesland at the same time. The fact that Napoleon was suppressing the Dutch Reformed Church in Holland may have caused them to join their more independent Frisian neighbors. Or, perhaps, it was the lure of business opportunities.

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Eetje van der Velde Born March 31, 1789.

Married at The Hague, 1817, to Stephen Rudolph Bieken.

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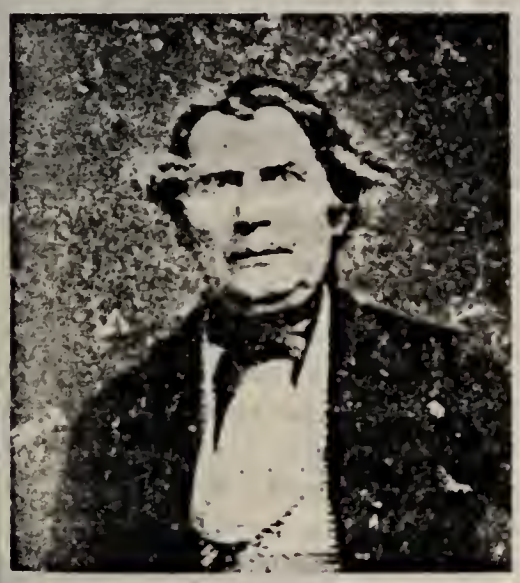
Hilke van der Velde Born December 31, 1799.

Notes: So far as is known, none of Eetje van der Velde Bieken's descendants came to the United States. The same is true of her youngest sister Hilke. Whether Hilke married is unknown. The picture which follows is known to be that of one of the four daughters of Tees Carsjen van der Velde. She lived to be one-hundred years old. Since the vital statistics of Foelke and Greetje are known, the picture is of either Eetje or Hilke. The photograph was made in Leer, East Friesland. The gentleman pictured is also known to be one of Tees Carsjens sons. Further research will be made.



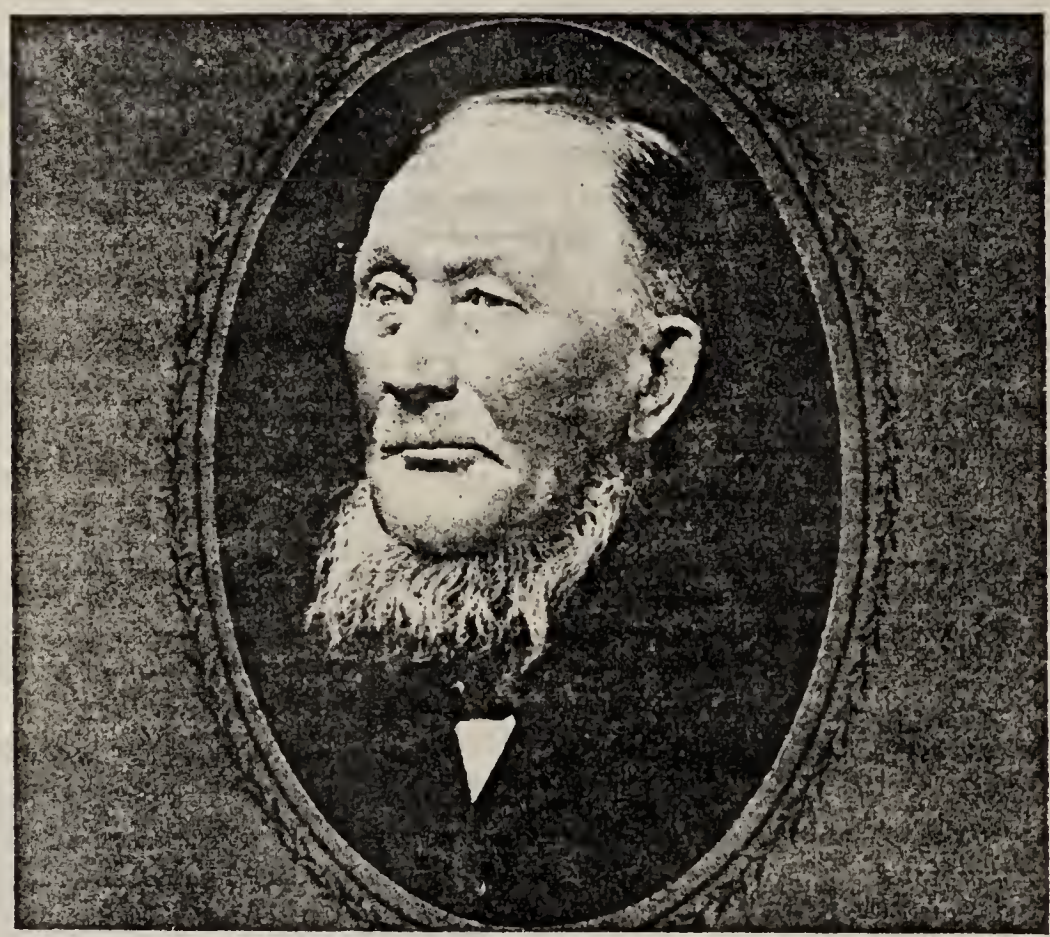
--- van der Velde, son of Tees Carsjen van der Velde.

--- van der Velde, daughter of Tees Carsjen van der Velde, lived to be one hundred years old.

SEVEN GENERATIONS OF ELDEST SONS

I. TEES CARSJEN van der VELDE

II. DIRK FOEKEN van der VELDE



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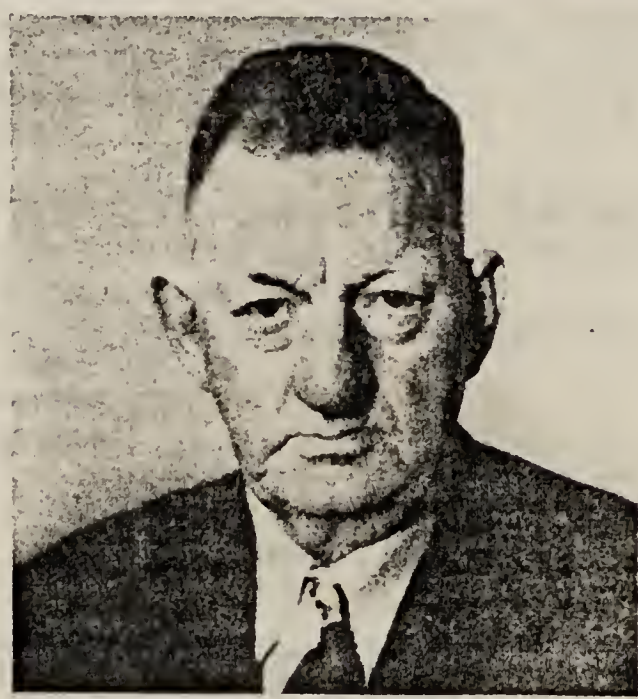
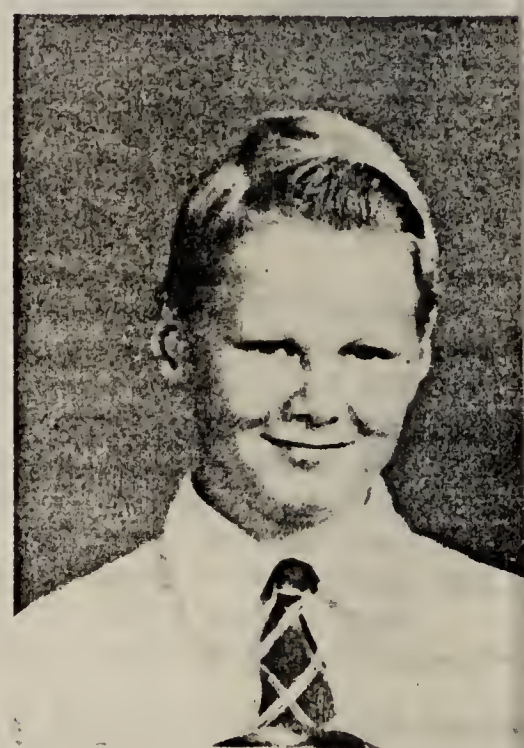


V. Teis Velde

VI. Russell L. Velde



VII. Bruce Dietrich Velde

DIRK FOEKEN van der VELDE

BORN DECEMBER 2, 1790, NETHERLANDS
MARRIED JANTJE BERENDINE KOK, MARCH 23, 1818, LINTEL.
DIED APRIL 21, 1841, HAMSWEHRUM, EAST FRIESLAND.
BURIED APRIL 27, 1841, HAMSWEHRUM, EAST FRIESLAND.
JANTJE BERENDINE KOK (JANTJE JANS)*
BORN 1890, PROBABLY FRANCE.
DIED MARCH 6, 1840, HAMSWEHRUM, EAST FRIESLAND.
BURIED MARCH 13, 1840, HAMSWEHRUM, EAST FRIESLAND.

Children, registered in the Evangelical-Reformed Church, Hamswehrum, East Friesland, of Dirk Foeken and Jantje Berendine Kok van der Velde: Ailke Justina (Born December 11, died December 20, 1818), Ailke Justina, Thees Karsjens, and Tryntje (Roelfs) van der Velde.
Children, registered in the same church, of Dirk Foeken and Jantje Jans van der Velde: Jantje, a daughter (Born and died December 28, 1829), and Jan van der Velde.

Notes: Dirk Foeken van der Velde, eldest son of Tees Carsjen and Tryntje Dirks van der Velde, did not migrate to America. All the information here given is from the church registers of the Evangelical-Reformed Churches of Norden, Wirdum, and Hamswehrum, East Friesland. Dirk Foeken was named for his maternal grandfather, Dirk Foeken Dirks. His birth and marriage are recorded in one item in the church register at Wirdum, East Friesland. The place of birth is not given, but the place of marriage is given. The records of this church were begun in 1815, when Dirk Foeken was twenty-five years old, which probably accounts for the discrepancy in the notations. In reply to the request made September, 1950, by Winona Whittington Pfander for "all your church records that contain the name 'Velde' or 'van der Velde'" Pastor Behrends and his wife sent twenty-two legal excerpts from their church register at Hamswehrum, East Friesland, and with them a letter which reads in conclusion: "With friendly greetings from the home of your ancestors". Through these documents we follow Dirk Foeken from his marriage to his death. Among the twenty-two excerpts sent by Pastor Behrends are these interesting and informative items: "Excerpt of the Marriage announcement register, year 1794, page 146. Settled here in their house in the "Real State" (Echten Staat),** after three legal public announcements, Dirk Hinderks Veld, born at Norden, son of Hinderk Eiben and Frauke Dirks, with Grietje Omkes, widow of the late Shoemaker Master (boss), of the same residence Luitjen Fokken, January 19, 1794." "Excerpt of the death and burial register, year 1804, on March 14, — died of consumption, Dirk Hinderks Veld, Shoemaker boss, at the age of thirty-four. Buried the twenty-first of the month." "On November 24, 1826-died Grietje Omkes, widow of the late Dirk Hinderks Veld, from complete lack of strength." Beginning in 1819 with the registry of the birth of their first child, the records of Dirk Foeken van der Velde and his wife Jantje Berendine Kok tell the story of the births, deaths, and marriages of their family. The last of these excerpts gives the birth of Bauwke the daughter of Teis van der Velde in 1852. Teis was Dirk and Jantje's eldest son, christened Thees Karsjens. From these records we may infer that Dirk Foeken van der Velde joined his relatives in Hamswehrum at the time of, or before his marriage to Jantje Berendine Kok, then became owner of the factory upon the death of Dirk Hinderks Veld's widow in 1826. The last assumption is based on the fact that the designation "Master Shoemaker"* appears first in the church records with the christening of his daughter Jantje in 1827, two years after the death of Dirk Hinderk's widow.

Dirk Foeken van der Velde's death record reads: "Death and Burial register 5, page 73, Evangelical-Reformed Church, Hamswehrum, East Friesland, year 1841. Dirk Foeken van der Velde, Shoemaster, widower of Jantje Jans, aged 51 years, died of "breast-pains". Died April 21, 1841. Buried April 27." Abstracted October 16, 1950, Pastor Behrends.

Few facts can be written concerning Jantje Berendine Kok van der Velde. Dr. Erwin Van Allen, of Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, formerly a practicing attorney in Germany, who translated all the documents from East Friesland, states that Berendine Kok is a French name, and that Lintel, the place of her marriage to Dirk Foeken van der Velde, is also French. Jantje is Dutch and Frisian. Since the annals of this family are so carefully registered in the Dutch Reformed-now Evangelical Reformed-Church at Hamswehrum, and since they do not record or contain a death record of Jantje

*Explained in the notes. ** See page 42.

*Master Shoemaker and Merchant were interchangeable terms for the master craftsmen were owners of the shop and distributors of their product, so were eligible to membership in the Crafts Guild and also the Merchants Guild. Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol. 10, p. 964.

Berendine Kok van der Velde, nor a subsequent marriage of Dirk Foeken, the change in her name mus be accounted for in another way. (Dr. Van Allen). The people of East Frisia clung to the custom o not using surnames until the last half of the 18th century except for marriage records. In other church registeries the wife's surname was never used, but the ancient way of adding the father's Christian name to the woman's given name was followed. At the christening of her first four children Jantje Berendine Kok probably followed the custom of her native country and gave her full maiden name. But after ten years of residence among her Frisian friends, she followed their ways and gave her first name and the first name of her father, who was named Jan (Jean) Kok. Therefore her last three children's christening record read: "Name and occupation: Shoemaker Master, Dirk Foeken van der Velde and his wife Jantje Jans." Furthermore it was the practice in East Frisia to give the sons the names of their grandfathers. Dirk and Jantje van der Velde followed this custom by naming their eldest son Thees Karsjens (Teis) and their second son Jan (John). Both these sons were immigrants to Pekin, Illinois. The following excerpt is from the Death and Burial register o the Church at Hamswehrum: "Year 1840, register 1, page 72, Jantje Jans(sen)* wife of the local Master Shoemkaer, Dirk F. van der Velde, aged 50 years, of cancer. Died March 6, 1840, buried Mar 13, 1840." Abstracted October 16, 1950, Behrends, Pastor.

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Ailke Justina van der Velde

Abstract of the Birth and Baptism Book of the Evangelical-Reformed Congregation, Hamswehrum, East Friesland. Year 1818. Place of Birth, Hamswehrum. Name of child: Ailke Justina van der Velde Date of Birth, December 11, 1818. Date of Baptism December 18, 1818. Date of death, December 20, 1818. Names of parents: Dirk Foeken van der Velde and Jantje Berendine Kok, married couple.

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Ailke Justina van der Velde

Abstract of the Birth and Baptism Book of the Evangelical-Reformed Congregation, Hamswehrum, East Friesland. Year 1820. Place of Birth, Hamswehrum. Name of child: Ailke Justina van der Velde Date of Birth, June 27, 1820. Date of Baptism, July 2, 1820. Name of parents: Dirk Foeken van der Velde and Jantje Berendine Kok, married couple.

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Teis van der Velde (Thees Karsjens)

Abstract of the Birth and Baptism Book of the Evangelical-Reformed Congregation (formerly Dutch Reformed), Hamswehrum, East Friesland, year 1822, page 68. Thees Karsjens van der Velde. Born October 1, 1822. Parents Dirk Foeken van der Velde and Jantje Berendine Kok, married couple. Baptized, October 6, 1822. Date of Abstract-September 20, 1950, Behrends, Pastor. From the marriage Book, same church, year 1849, page 67: "Thees van der Velde, Master Smith, son of Master Shoemaker, Dirk F. van der Velde, bridegroom. Heepke Peters Bakker, daughter of commercial gardener, Jakob W. Bakker and Bauwke Peter Jants of Eilsum, bride. The proclamations of the approaching marriage were made in the church on May 6, May 13, and May 20, Hamswehrum, East Friesland-marriage ceremony performed at Hamswehrum. Date of Abstract-October 16, 1950, Behrends, Pastor. Teis van de Velde died 1912, St. Francis Hospital, Peoria, Illinois. Buried in Meadow Lawn Cemetery, Manito, Illinois. Heepke Bakker van der Velde died 1876, Hartsburg, Illinois. Buried in Hartsburg Cemetery Children: Jantje, Bauwke, Dedrich William, and Jacob Bakker van der Velde.

Notes: It was during the troubled days of 1866, when the Prussian Army had occupied neighboring Hanover and was about to conquer Hanover's neighbor on the north-East Friesland, then a part of the State of Holland, that Teis van der Velde decided to join his relatives who had earlier migrated to Pekin, Illinois. His younger brother John had been in Pekin since 1848-49. His uncle Kar Theessen van der Velde and family had gone to Wisconsin in 1848, and had removed to Pekin in 1857. In 1849-50, Teis' Aunt Margaretha van der Velde, her husband Conrad Smith, and their sons and daughters had emigrated from Hamswehrum, East Friesland, to Pekin, Illinois. So Teis van der Velde would find welcoming friends in Pekin. With his wife, two daughters, and two small sons, he left troubled Europe and came to make his home in the land of freedom. He arrived in Pekin in 1866, and joined his cousins, the Smiths, and Habbe van der Velde, in the T.& H. Smith & Company Wagon Works and worked with them for four years. While in Pekin he became a member of the Methodist Church there. He decided to farm and removed to a farm in Sugar Creek Bottom, which lies just west of Lincoln, Illinois. Mr. van der Velde continued his farming activities on this land until 1890; he then removed to a farm near Prettyman Station-now Parkland-Illinois. His eldest son, Dedrich, had married in 1879, and a year later had located on a farm near Prettyman Station. Jacob van der Veld had married in 1881, but had remained on the farm near Lincoln with his father. In 1886, Mrs. Teis van der Velde died, and four years later Mr. van der Velde and Jacob decided to follow Dedrich to

*It will be noticed throughout these records that the addition of "en" and "sen" meant "child of." This "sen" was added to Jantje Jans' name in her death record only.

Tazewell County, and they also located on a farm near Prettyman Station. While residing on this farm Mr. Teis van der Velde served as minister of the Lutheran Congregation which met in the school house. Later an Evangelical Church was formed, but "Opa Teis",as he was affectionately called by the community, did not join this Church. In 1891, Mr. van der Velde retired from farming and divided his time between his two sons' farms until his death in 1912. In the winter of that year while assisting his son Jacob, then residing on his farm near New Holland, Illinois, he fell on the icy side walk and fractured his hip. As he lay with his leg in a trough-like cast, the house caught on fire and the family dragged him to the barn, then took him to the station to board the train for the hospital in Peoria, Illinois. The train was two hours late; the weather was zero; and the little station very cold. Mr. van der Velde contracted pneumonia and died of it two weeks later in the St. Francis Hospital in Peoria.

Mr. Teis Velde, of Manito, Illinois, grandson and namesake of Teis van der Velde, recalls many interesting facts about his grandfather. He relates that Mr. van der Velde was expert in the manufacturing of knife and other cutlery products and followed this trade in Europe.* After coming to America he made all his farm tools. On the way, when moving from Pekin to Sugar Creek Bottom near Lincoln, Mr. van der Velde's team and wagon became mired in the mud; and only with the greatest difficulty did he extricate his wagon, loaded with household furnishings. It was the custom of this family to arise early each morning and to have tea with sugar and cream before going out to "chore". Rock candy (clumke) was the fashionable sweetning instead of sugar as we know it today. After the chores were done, the father and his sons would come in for a substantial breakfast of pancakes and sausage, bacon or side meat, and coffee. Then at nine a.m. coffee, sandwiches and cakes or cookies were enjoyed, followed by a heavy dinner at noon. At three p.m. tea and cakes or cookies were enjoyed, followed by supper at dark. Mr. Teis Velde, of Manito, describes his grandfather in this way: "He was five feet six inches tall, stocky built and very stout. He wore a beard, and his hair was dark brown-later grey-as was his beard. He spoke Holland Dutch fluently and English brokenly. He was a jolly personality, never had outbursts of temper but would scold sometimes. He didn't drink, and he voted Republican. After he retired from farming he lived with his two sons, Dedrich and Jacob. He was a real old helper on the farms."

Mrs. Marie Velde Lampe, daughter of Jacob Velde, writes in a letter to Winona Pfander dated February, 1950: "About my Grandfather Teis van der Velde, I remember him very well, as he lived his last days at my father's home, before he entered the hospital at the time of his death. To me he was always one of the kindest men I ever knew, in fact, it was my duty to help him up and down the stairs and assist him to dress in his old age. I'll never forget my Grandfather Velde."

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Jantje van der Velde — Born June 3, 1850, Hamswehrum, East Friesland.
Baptized June 16, 1850, Hamswehrum, East Friesland.
Died 1867-68 of typhoid fever, Pekin, Illinois.
Note: Jantje van der Velde was the eldest child of Teis van der Velde and his wife Heepke Bakker.

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Bauwke van der Velde — Born May 18, 1852, Hamswehrum, East Friesland.
Baptized May 31, 1852.
Died 1867-68 of typhoid fever, Pekin, Illinois.
Note: Bauwke van der Velde was the second child of Teis van der Velde and Heepke Peters Bakker.

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Dedrich William Velde

Dedrich William van der Velde (Dick) - later Velde. (He often used the spelling "Dedrik")
Born October 1, 1856, East Friesland.
Married Rena Bruns, 1879, Lincoln, Ill.
Died July 25, 1918, Peoria, Illinois.
Buried-Meadow Lawn Cemetery, Manito, Illinois.

Rena Bruns
Born January 18, 1861, Twixlum, East Friesland.
Died December 8, 1907.
Buried-Meadow Lawn Cemetery, Manito, Illinois.
Her parents were Henry J. and Hilka Alberson Bruns.

Rena Bruns Velde

*The designation "Master Smith" meant owner of a shop with journeymen smiths working for him. The Master bought the raw material and sold the manufactured product. Therefore he was also listed as Merchant. "Smith" was a term used to designate all workers in all metals-copper, brass, iron and silver.

Children: Teis, Henry Jacob, Dedrich William, Louis (died young), Matilda Hilka (Golden), Lydia Marie (Traeger), Hattie M. (Waltmire), and Grace Caroline (Spring) Velde.

Notes: Dedrich William Velde, eldest son of Teis and Heepke Bakker van der Velde, came to the United States with his parents when he was ten years old. After years of residence in Pekin, Illinois, the family moved, in 1870, to a farm near Lincoln, Illinois. In 1879, Dedrich and his wife and small son Teis moved from Lincoln, Illinois, to a farm near Prettyman Station-now Parkland-Tazewell County, Illinois. In 1885, Mr. Velde rented and occupied a near-by tract of three hundred fourteen acres; four years later he purchased this land, then in 1895, he purchased forty acres across the Mackinaw river. He drained all this farm, making it very productive so that it provided a very comfortable living for Mr. Velde and his growing family.

But before Mr. Velde reached the status of "well-to-do" farmer he saw his share of the hardships which beset every pioneer. The first home near Prettyman Station had a frame cottage, but the kitchen had no floor, and a wood stove was the only means of heating the house and cooking the meals. Soon after they had come to this farm, the Mackinaw river flooded, and Mr. Velde lost almost everything that he had. It was February; Mrs. Velde was ill; and the farm was flooded. Mr. Velde carried the hogs to the hay mow, and, from the flat roof of the barn, fed some of the cattle which had climbed to the top of a manure pile. In the spring of this same year, his horses were killed by lightning. This seemed the final calamity, but his neighbors helped him start again; and from that time he prospered with only the ordinary "setbacks". In 1890, Mr. Velde and other men of the community organized the Hickory Grove drainage district, and he was elected as one of the first commissioners. He held this office continuously until his death in 1918. In 1904, Mr. Velde purchased one hundred eighty acres of land, now known as the Mound farm, near Parkland, then turned his attention to other enterprises.

Mr. Velde was a skilled machinist and operated a blacksmith shop on his farm. He owned and operated threshers, corn-shellers and a sawmill. His first machines were run by horse power but in 1889, he purchased a Buffalo Pitts steam engine. He became interested in this kind of machinery and purchased a considerable interest in the Avery Manufacturing Company of Peoria, Illinois. He served as an advisor to this company from 1906 until his death. Mr. Velde, as a young man, pleased his neighbors by his ability to play the accordian for all the square dancing parties in the community. He never refused to play for these and other social activities. He also took an active part in church relationships. For many years he was a member of the Reformed Church in Pekin, Illinois; but in 1904, he and his family united with the Evangelical Association at Parkland, Illinois. After moving to Peoria he became one of the trustees of the First Evangelical Church there. Mrs. Velde died in 1907, and Mr. Velde and his three daughters left the farm to reside at 1119 Knoxville Avenue, Peoria, Illinois, where he died in 1918.

Rena Bruns Velde was the daughter of Henry J. and Hilka Alberson Bruns. She came with her parents to America in 1868. The family located near Emden, Illinois, then removed to Delavan Prairie, where the family lived for many years. After her marriage Rena spent the rest of her life on the farm. She was known to her many friends as a lovable woman who endeared herself to all who knew her. Her father, Henry J. Bruns, was born at Twixlum, East Friesland, September 9, 1832, and died in 1896, at his home on Delavan Prairie. Rena's mother was Hilka Alberson (Albertson), born at Risum (Rysum), East Friesland, April 15, 1841. She was married to Mr. Bruns, in 1860, in East Friesland, and died in Hartsburg, Illinois, in 1914.

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Teis Velde
Born December 21, 1879, near Lincoln, Ill.
Married first Laura Starrett, March 1, 1905, Manito, Illinois.
Married second Laura Himmel-Velde, September 26, 1942, St. Louis, Missouri.

Laura Starrett
Born August 12, 1880, Manito, Illinois.
Died October 1, 1941.
Buried-Meadow Lawn Cemetery, Manito, Illinois
Her parents were William L. and Roseltha Talbot Starrett, of Manito, Illinois.

Laura Himmel-Velde
Born March 30, 1888, Topeka, Illinois.
She was the widow of Henry Jacob Velde, brother to Teis Velde.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Teis Velde, Manito, Ill

Children of Teis and Laura Starrett Velde:
Russell L. and Eleanor Velde.

Teis and Laura Starrett Velde

Notes: Teis Velde, eldest son of Dedrich and Rena Bruns Velde, attended school at Parkland, Illinois, then studied at Bradley Polytechnic-now Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois. He engaged in farming until 1924, when he went into the Insurance business. He moved to Kewanee, Illinois, in 1931, and remained there until 1935. At that time he went to Peoria, Illinois. After a year in Peoria, he returned to Manito, Illinois, and became a grain buyer for the Norris Grain Company. In 1943 he became farm manager for several farms other than his own, which he had purchased in the Spring Lake Drainage Levee District in 1942. He was appointed Drainage Commissioner for this District in 1942. In 1919, Mr. Velde was elected as one of the first directors of the Manito Community High School. He assisted in organizing the High School District and building the school. He continued as a member of this board of school directors and served as their Secretary for thirteen years. He is a member of the Methodist Church and the Rotary Club of Manito, and continues in his business of Farm Management and Drainage Commissioner.

Laura Starrett Velde was born on a farm three miles southwest of Manito, Illinois, and attended school in that community. She was a member of the W.S.C.S. of the Manito Church. She was a local leader of the Manito Home Bureau, and was president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Kewanee Public Hospital during the four years she resided in Kewanee, Illinois.

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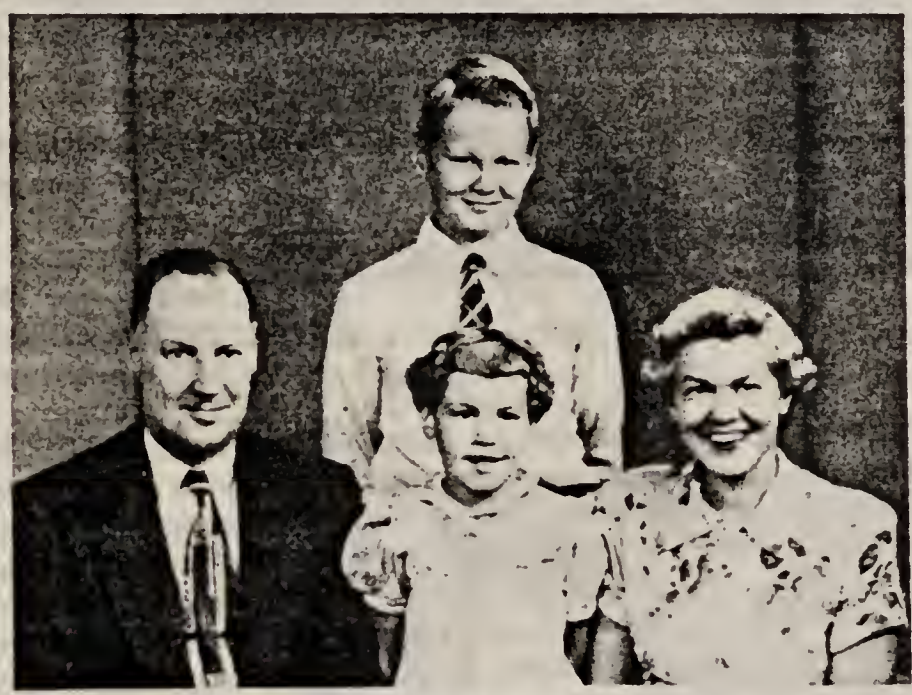
Russell L. Velde
Born February 7, 1908, Manito, Illinois.
Married Frances Dorothy Taylor, April 22, 1933, Chicago, Illinois.
Frances Dorothy Taylor
Born July 16, 1910.
Her parents are Curtis Orlanzo and Alma Charlotte Thor Taylor.
Children: Bruce Dietrich (Born November 30, 1918, Chicago, Illinois) and Charlotte Lee (Born February 24, 1944, Lombard, Illinois) Velde.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Velde, 314 South Westmore Avenue, Lombard, Illinois.



Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Velde
Bruce D. and Charlotte L. Velde

Notes: Russell Louis Velde, eldest child of Teis and Laura Starrett Velde, graduated from Manito High School then entered the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. He was graduated from the University with a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. His business is the fabricating of plastics by electronic heat sealing. He is owner and operator of the Velde Engineering Company, 314-316 South Westmore Avenue, Lombard, Illinois. He is a member of the Methodist Church and the Lions Club of Lombard, Illinois.

Frances Dorothy Taylor Velde is a graduate of the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. She received a degree of Ph B from this University in 1931. While at the University she was a member of the Astratro Club. (There are no national sororities at the University of Chicago.) Her father, Curtis Orlanzo Taylor, was born September 21, 1869, Spartansburg, Indiana. He is a Police Sergeant on the Chicago police force. Her mother, Alma Charlotte Thor Taylor, was born January 6, 1879. Ostergotland, Sweden.

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Eleanor Velde
Address: Miss Eleanor Velde, 2344 Lincoln Parkway, Chicago 14, Illinois.

Notes: Eleanor Velde, only daughter of Teis and Laura Starrett Velde, is a graduate of Kewanee High School, Kewanee, Illinois. She received a B.S. degree and a M.S. degree in Foods from the University of Illinois, and was employed four years by the United States Government as Supervisor of the Federal Security Administrations. At present she is director of one of Chicago's large restaurants.

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Eleanor Velde

Henry Jacob Velde

Henry Jacob Velde
Born March 26, 1882, near Parkland, Ill.
Married Laura Amanda Himmel, May 3, 1906.
Died May 17, 1935, Peoria, Illinois.
Buried-Meadow Lawn Cemetery, Manito, Ill

Laura Amanda Himmel
Born March 30, 1888, Topeka, Illinois.
Married second Teis Velde, September 26, 1942, St. Louis, Mo.
Her parents were William D. and Emma Heyl Himmel.
Address: Mrs. Teis Velde, Manito, Ill.

Children: Richard William, Harold Himmel, and Robert Lee Velde.

Notes: Henry Jacob Velde, second child of Dedrich and Rena Bruns Velde, attended the Parkland, Schools and then began farming with his father. After his marriage he and his wife occupied and farmed one of the Velde Farms near Parkland, Illinois. Here their three sons were born and Mr. and Mrs. Velde became influential residents of the community. He served nine years as a director of the Parkland Schools and was an active member of the Evangelical Church there. In 1921, the family moved to Manito, Illinois, and soon became leaders in the enterprises for the betterment of the town. For thirteen years Mr. Velde was a member of the Grade School Board of Education. In 1923, he was elected Mayor of Manito and served capably in this office for ten years. He was Chairman of the Food Conservation Committee of Central Illinois during World War I. He was called to service in the Armed Forces in 1918, but the war ended before he entered active service. Mr. Velde served nine years as marshal for Lodge 476 A.F. & A.M. and was affiliated with the Modern Woodmen and the Odd Fellows. After moving to Manito he transferred his church membership to the Methodist Church there. He was a member of the Official Board of this church and served on the building committee for the new church.

Laura Amanda Himmel Velde

Laura Himmel Velde attended Pleasant Row School in Topeka, Illinois, for a time then graduated from the eighth grade at Coon Grove School, Manito, Illinois. She studied piano and became proficient in this accomplishment. She was organist for the church in Parkland while she resided there. She was active in the work of the Methodist Church in Manito from her very first membership there and took over her husband's duties after his death. She took his place on the Official Board of the Church and on the Building Committee for the new church. She has continued as a member of the Official Board of the church, and has been chairman of the committee that served the Rotary Club Suppers for the past ten years. This is a weekly event and the money has been spent for the improvement of the church. She is also a member of the Eastern Star Lodge and is active in this organization. Her father, William David Himmel, was born July 2, 1861, died January 2, 1932. Her mother, Emma Heyl Himmel, was the daughter of Christian and Sarah Lux Heyl. She was born January 3, 1863, died June 10, 1935. Both are buried in Meadow Lawn Cemetery, Manito, Illinois.

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Richard William Velde — Born July 8, 1907, Parkland, Illinois.
Married Eleanor O. Frisk, June 11, 1931.

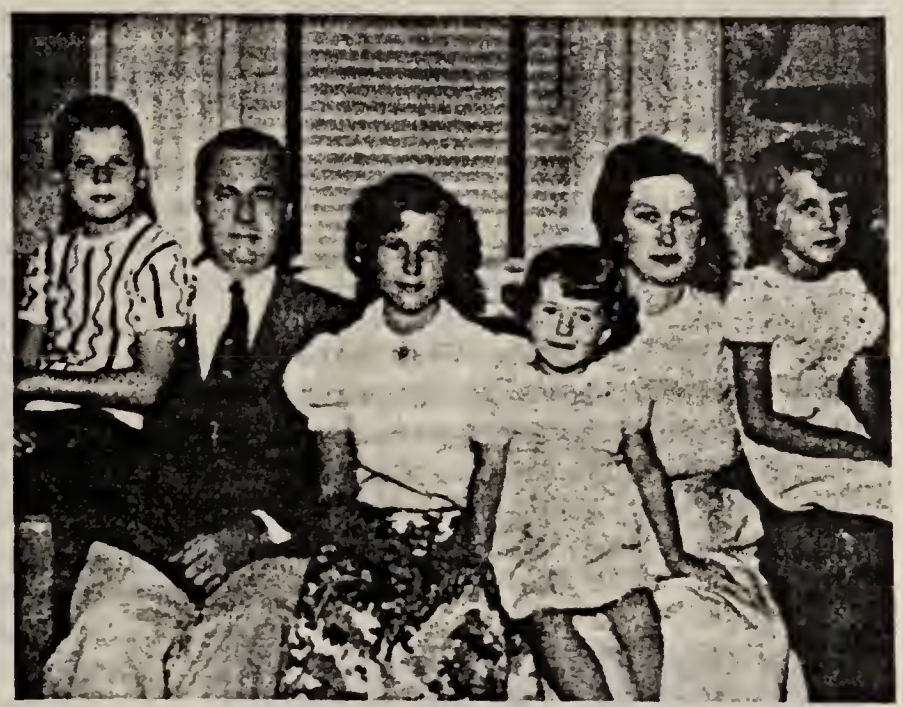
Eleanor O. Frisk — Born April 16, 1906, Galesburg, Illinois.
Her parents were Frank A. and Anna Collopy Frisk.

Children: Elizabeth Margaret (Born and died October 1, 1933), Ann Laurene (Born January 14, 1939, Peoria, Illinois), Richard William Junior (Born April 15, 1941, Peoria, Illinois), Patricia Jean (Born August 14, 1943, Farragut, Idaho), and Sue Ellen (Born November 18, 1946, Peoria, Illinois) Velde.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Velde, Havana, Illinois.

Notes: Richard William Velde, eldest child of Henry Jacob and Laura Himmel Velde, was born on

a farm near Parkland, Illinois. He attended grade school at Parkland then moved with his parents to Manito, Illinois, at the age of fourteen. He graduated from Manito High School in 1925. While in high school he was active in athletics and won letters in basketball and baseball. He entered Knox College in 1925 and was graduated in 1929. After graduation he entered law school at the University of Chicago and studied one year. In 1930 he accepted a position as coach and teacher at Manito High School, remaining in this position through 1934. He attended law school at the University of Illinois, 1934-1936, and was graduated from that school in 1936. This same year he passed the Illinois Bar and commenced the practice of law in Havana, Illinois. He was Assistant Attorney General of Illinois from 1941 to 1949. He served in the Navy during World War II. In 1946 he returned to his practice of law at Havana, Illinois. He is a member of Sigma Nu social fraternity; Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity; A.F. & A.M. Royal Arch Masons and Commandry; Optimist Club; American Legion and AmVets. He presently is Lieutenant Governor of the twenty-third District of the Optimist International.



Richard William and Eleanor Friske Velde
Richard Junior, Ann, Sue Ellen, and Patricia Velde

Eleanor Frisk Velde attended the schools of Galesburg, Illinois, and graduated from high school in 1925. She then attended Brown's School of Business in Peoria, and the University of Illinois. She is a member of the U.& I. Club, and Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion. Her grandparents the Collopys, were among the first settlers in Galesburg, Illinois. They and her parents are buried there.

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Harold Himmel Velde

Harold Himmel Velde
Born April 1, 1910, Parkland, Illinois. Married Olive Whittington Pfander of Peoria, Illinois.

Olive Whittington Pfander
Born April 16, 1909, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Her parents are James Roy Pfander, deceased, and Winona Whittington Pfander of Peoria Illinois.

Children: Richard Whittington, Joan, and James Henry (Born November 4, 1936, Peoria, Illinois. Died November 19, 1936, Peoria, Illinois. Buried in Meadow Lawn Cemetery, Manito, Illinois) Velde.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Velde, 700 South Ninth Street, Pekin, Illinois; Attorney Harold H. Velde, Room 1604, First National Bank Building, Peoria, Illinois; and Congressman Harold H. Velde, Room 236 Old House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Olive W. Pfander Velde

Notes: Harold Himmel Velde, second son of Henry Jacob and Laura Himmel Velde, attended school at Parkland, Illinois, until he was eleven years old. The family moved to Manito, Illinois, and Harold continued his schooling there and in June, 1927, graduated from Manito High School. He played center on the basketball team of the High School and shared with his team-mates the honor of being one of the all time outstanding high school teams of the state. He entered Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, in the fall of 1927, and attended there two years. Here he also played on the

basketball team and affiliated with Theta Kappa Nu-now Lambda Chi Alpha-social fraternity. He was elected business manager of the Polyscope-the school annual-and a member of the Student Council. He entered Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, in September, 1929, and was graduated from this University in June, 1931, with a B.S. degree. While at Northwestern he played the trombone in the University Band. Before graduation he had accepted a position in the Community High School at Hillsdale, Illinois, and began his work here in September as teacher of mathematics and science, director of the school band, and coach of the athletic teams. His track teams were county champions three of the four years that he coached at Hillsdale Community High School.

While teaching, Mr. Velde had attended law school at the University of Illinois during two summer sessions. In 1935, he resigned his teaching position at Hillsdale, Illinois, to continue the study of law at the University of Illinois. He received his law degree in 1937, and was admitted to the Bar that same year. He began his practice of law as an associate of the law firm of Velde and Prettyman in Pekin, Illinois. In August, 1942, Mr. Velde enlisted as a private in the Signal Corps of the United States Army. He and his younger brother, Bob, had become expert "hams" in amateur radio-now Harold hoped to use this hobby as a serious work in the Army. But in December, 1942, by order of the War Department, he was transferred to the Department of Justice, and, after trainir at Quantico, Virginia, he was appointed as Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was first sent to Salt Lake City, Utah, to serve as Special Agent. He remained here five months and was then sent to San Francisco, California. Here he worked on counter-espionage, sabotage, and internal security cases until after VJ Day in August, 1945. He was transferred to Chicago, Illinois to serve in peace time investigations, but he asked for his release to return to the practice of law. He was given honorable discharge from the United States Army, and a Certificate of War Service from the FBI, and returned to private life in October, 1945. The following year he was elected as County Judge of Tazewell County for a four year term. He was the first Republican to hold that office in twenty years.

In the April primaries of 1948, after a heated campaign against four well known opponents, among whom were Reverend Alvin Park, of Bartonville, Illinois, and Lester O. Schriver, of Peoria, Illinois, he was nominated as candidate on the Republican ticket for Representative to Congress from the eighteeth District of Illinois. In the November election of 1948, he was elected by a larg majority over his Democratic opponent, Attorney Dale Sutton, of Pekin, Illinois. He resigned his office as County Judge of Tazewell County and was sworn in as a member of the Congress of the Unite States on January 3, 1949. He is serving on the un-American Activities Committee and the Labor and Education Committee in the House of Representatives. As a member of the Labor and Education Committee, he was sent to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands in November, 1949, to report on labor conditions there. In April, 1950, as a member of the un-American Activities Committee, he was sent to Hawaii, Hawaiian Islands, to hold hearings concerning subversive activities there. Harold Velde has been recognized as one of the most capable of the younger members of Congress. It is contrary to practices of seniority and almost unheard of for a freshman Congressman to be appointed to two major Committees. He was named by the Congressional Quarterly as one of the ten outstanding members of the 81st Congress and cited as "the young watchdog of the Republic." He was unopposed in the primary elections in April, 1950, and was re-elected to Congress by a very large majority November 7, 1950.

Mr. Harold Velde is a member of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church of Pekin, Illinois; a member of the Pekin Hospital Board of Trustees; and was County Chairman of the American Cancer Society campaign in Tazewell County, 1947-1948. His clubs are: the Pekin Lions, the Pekin Country Club, the Creve Coeur Club of Peoria, Illinois; the American Legion and the Masonic Lodge of Manito, Illinois. He is a member of the Tazewell Bar Association and was president of this group in 1948. He is also a member of the Illinois Bar Association.

Olive Pfander Velde is the only child of James Roy and Winona Whittington Pfander. She came with her parents to Peoria, Illinois, when she was nine months old. She was graduated from Peoria High School in June, 1927, then attended Bradley University for three years. She transferred to the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, for her senior year and was graduated from the University with a B.A. degree. While in high school she was elected to the National Honor Society, was a member of the debating team, and was Art Editor of the "Crest". During her three years at Bradley she was editor of the annual, then called the Polyscope; Junior Prom Queen; a member of the debating team; a member of Delta Kappa social sorority, Pi Kappa Delta forensic national fraternity and Theta Alpha Phi dramatics national fraternity. While at the University of Illinois she became a member of Delta Zeta national social sorority.

Since her marriage, Olive Pfander Velde has been active in several organizations in Pekin and Peoria, and the state of Illinois. She is first vice-president of the Federation of Illinois Women's Republican Clubs and was president of the Tazewell County Women's Republican Club for two terms. In Pekin, she is a member of the Pekin Women's Club, the League of Women Voters, the Eastern Star, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Pekin Hospital Auxiliary, the First Methodist Church, and was

president of the Pekin Association of American University Women. In Peoria, she is a member of the Southern Women's Club, the Pan Hellinic Club, and the Daughters of the American Revolution, being eligible for membership from both her paternal and maternal lines. She is also a member of the Congressional Club of Washington, D.C.

Her father, James Roy Pfander, was born on a farm near Clarinda, Iowa. He taught school four years then was employed by the Omaha Bee Newspaper Corporation as an advertising salesman. He later accepted a position as Secretary of the National Duroc Record Association with offices in Peoria, Illinois, and served in this capacity until his death in 1927. He was affiliated with the Agricultural Department of the University of Illinois as the organizer of 4H clubs among the young people of the farming communities in this area. Winona Whittington Pfander was born on a ranch near Anthony, Kansas. After her husband's death she began teaching in the Peoria Public Schools where she is presently employed as a teacher of English in Woodruff High School. She was graduated from Bradley University with a degree of Bachelor of Science and from the University of Illinois with the degree of Master of Arts. She is a member of Pi Gamma Mu social science national honor fraternity and Kappa Delta Pi national educational honor fraternity. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the First Methodist Church of Peoria, Illinois.

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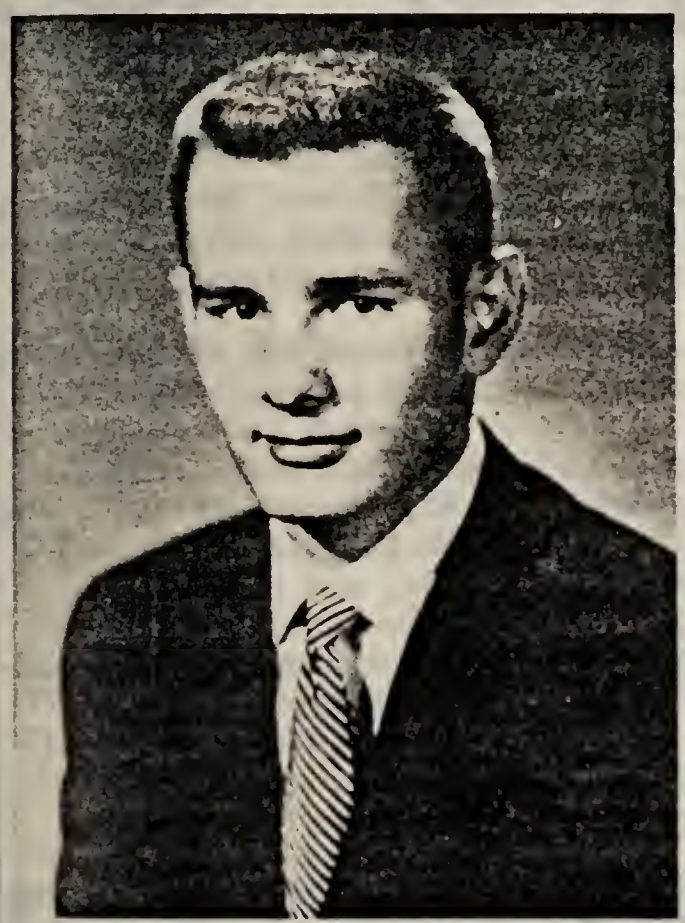

Richard Whittington Velde

Richard Whittington Velde
Born December 12, 1931, Moline, Ill.
Address: Richard W. Velde, 700 South Ninth Street, Pekin, Illinois.

Notes: Richard Whittington Velde, son of Harold H. and Olive Whittington Pfander Velde, attended school in Peoria, Illinois, through third grade, then in Pekin, Illinois, until his family moved to Salt Lake City. After a semester here, his father was transferred to San Francisco and Richard attended Grant School in this city where he completed the eighth grade. The family returned to Pekin and Richard entered Pekin Community High School and was graduated in 1949. While in high school he was active in debate and dramatics and was a member of the Student Council. He was elected to Thespian, national dramatic honor society, and was a member of the tennis team. He entered Bradley University in September, 1949, and was elected as vice-president of the freshman class. He is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity and Alphi Phi Omega honor society. He is a member of AROTC at the University and is active in debate and tennis there. He is employed during the summer in the office at Keystone Steel and Wire Company, Peoria, Illinois.

Joan Velde

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Joan Velde
Born January 11, 1933, Peoria, Illinois.
Address: Miss Joan Velde, 700 South Ninth Street, Pekin, Illinois.

Notes: Joan Velde's school career parallels that of her brother. She graduated from Pekin Community High School in June, 1950. She graduated with highest honors, having maintained the highest grades possible throughout her entire school life. She was Art Editor of the Pekinan, the school annual, and editorial editor of the Pekinois, the school paper. She is a member of Thespian, National Forensic League, and the National Honor Society. She received a three hundred dollar scholarship to Bradley University for her high scholastic standing in high school and entered Bradley in September, 1950. She is a pledge in Chi Omega sorority there.

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Robert Lee Velde
Born December 7, 1918, Parkland, Illinois.
Christened 1919, Manito, Illinois.
Married Doris Moulton, May 10, 1941, Manito, Illinois.

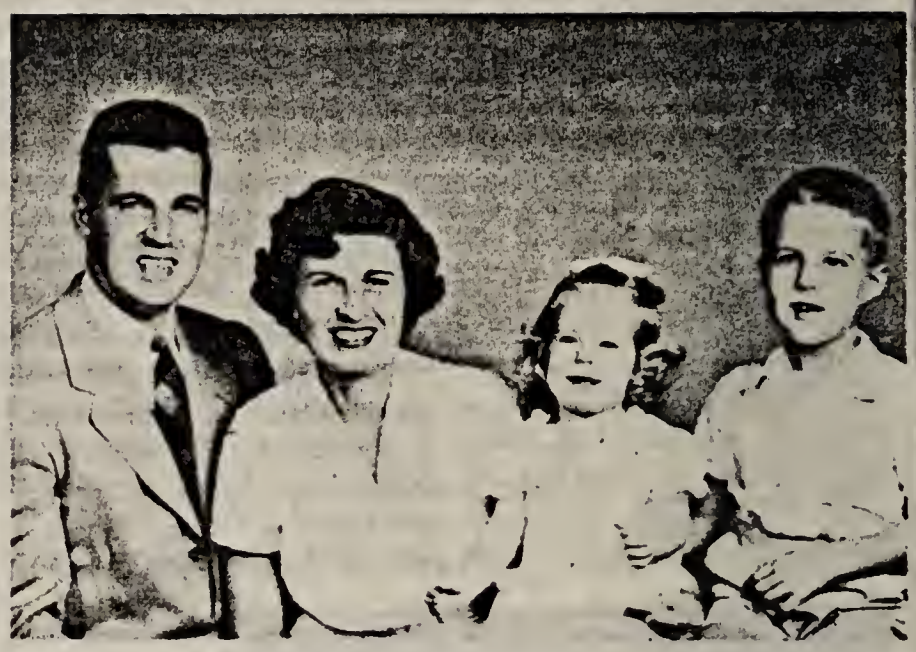
Doris Moulton

Born June 22, 1917, Navarro, California.

Her parents were Arthur Ferris and Chryssa H. Fraser Moulton. They resided at Ukiah, California, where he was engaged in fruit growing. Both are deceased.

Children: William Moulton (Born April 20, 1946, Dayton, Ohio) and Susan Lee (Born May 22, 1949, San Antonio, Texas,) Velde.

Address: Major and Mrs. R.L. Velde, 20 Courtland Drive, Montgomery, Alabama.



Major and Mrs. Robert Lee Velde
William M. and Susan L. Velde

Notes: Robert Lee Velde, youngest child of Henry Jacob and Laura Himmel Velde, was born on a farm in Tazewell County, Illinois, and moved to Manito, Illinois, at the age of two and one half years. After his graduation from Manito High School in 1936 he entered Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, and was graduated from there in 1940 with a B.A. degree in Physics. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and was president of this fraternity in 1940. He played freshman football, and was on the basketball team all four years while in college. He was captain of the basketball team the last year. He was listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges" in 1940, and was a member of the following honor groups: Friars-senior honorary society; K club-Athletic lettermen; Scabbard and Blade; and was College Marshall in 1939.

While in college he had been a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps and entered active duty in the Armed Forces on July 5, 1940, and has remained in the Army to the present time. War service.

Doris Moulton Velde resided in Ukiah, California, from the age of four until her marriage. She graduated from the Ukiah Grammar School in 1931, and from Ukiah Union High School in 1935. She attended Riverside Junior College, Riverside, California, and graduated from this school in 1937. She then completed her college education at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, and received an A.B. degree in economics in 1939. One of the major considerations for Doris Moulton in coming to Knox College was the fact that her great, great grandfather, Sylvania Ferris, was one of the founders of Knox College. While at Knox, Doris was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority and was treasurer of this group in 1939. After graduation she returned to California and accepted a position in merchandising with O'Conner-Moffat Company, San Francisco, California.

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Dedrich William Velde Junior

Born May 27, 1884, Parkland, Illinois.

Married Kathryn Lussenhop, December 28, 1910.

Kathryn Lussenhop

Born March 17, 1889, Denver, Colorado.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Dedrich William Velde, Manito, Illinois.

Child: Elaine Marie (Herrman) Velde.

Notes: Dedrich William Velde is the third son of Dedrich William and Rena Bruns Velde. He and his wife reside on their farm near Manito, Illinois, where he is engaged in extensive farming operations.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dedrich William Velde.
Elaine Velde and Gary D. and Larry G. Herrman

Elaine Marie Velde

Born November 24, 1921, Peoria, Illinois.

Married Donald V. Herrman, June 20, 1943.

Children: Gary Dean and Larry Gene Herrman - twins (Born March 25, 1947, Pekin, Illinois.)

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Donald V. Herrman, Manito, Illinois.

Notes: Elaine Marie Velde is the only child of Dedrich William and Kathryn Lussenhop Velde.

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Matilda Hilka Velde Born August 22, 1886, Manito, Illinois.

Married John Cornelius Golden, January 14, 1914, Manito, Illinois.

Died December 21, 1939. Buried-Meadow Lawn Cemetery, Manito, Illinois.

John Cornelius Golden Born September 28, 1887, Springlake, Illinois.
His parents were J. Raymond and Gertrude Ellen Keely Golden.
Children: Kenneth Jack (adopted), Marjorie Irene (Austin), Janet Grace (Rogers), and Marian Ruth (Maxwell) Golden.
Notes: Matilda Hilka Velde Golden was the fifth child of Dedrich William and Rena Bruns Velde.

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Kenneth Jack Golden Born November 22, 1918.
Married Ilene Austin.
Notes: Kenneth Jack Golden is the adopted son of John C. and Matilda Hilka Velde Golden. War service.

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Marjorie Irene Golden Born January 14, 1919, Peoria, Illinois.
Married Eugene Austin, May 8, 1943, Kahokia, Missouri.
Children: Nancy Dawn, Allen Eugene, and Amy Lynn Austin.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Austin, Maquon, Illinois.
Notes: Margie Irene Golden Austin is the eldest child of Matilda H. Velde and John C. Golden. Her husband is engaged in the trucking business in Maquon, Illinois.

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Janet Grace Golden Born April 6, 1920, Elmwood, Illinois.
Married Jerry Lee Rogers, April 6, 1946, Chicago, Illinois.
Child: Janet Lee Rogers
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rogers, 1012 Spencer Street, Peoria, Illinois.
Notes: Janet Grace Golden Rogers is the second child of Matilda H. Velde and John Golden. She served in the Navy in World War II and is now employed by the Peoples Federal Savings and Loan Association, Peoria, Illinois. War service.

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Marian Ruth Golden Born October 21, 1921, Elmwood, Illinois.
Married Frank Maxwell, December 15, 1945, Chicago, Illinois.
Child: Joy Lee Maxwell.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxwell, 4345 East Sixteenth Avenue, Denver, Colorado.
Notes: Marian Ruth Golden Maxwell is the third child of Matilda Hilka Velde and John Golden. Her husband, Frank G. Maxwell, is a Salesman in Training for the Texas Company. War service.

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Lydia Marie Velde Born April 13, 1890, Manito, Illinois.
Married William H. Traeger, December 11, 1919, Peoria, Illinois.
William H. Traeger Born July 25, 1891.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Traeger, 2310 Ridgeway Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.
Children: Virginia Marie (Baird), William Velde, and Theodore Charles Traeger.
Notes: Lydia Marie Velde Traeger is the sixth child of Dedrich William and Rena Bruns Velde. She attended Manito High School and Brown's Business College in Peoria, Illinois. She is a member of the Mother's Club of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, Illinois.

William Henry Traeger is a graduate of Peoria High School, Peoria, Illinois. He was in the Electrical Contracting business in Peoria until he was called into service in the First World War. He then worked as a Field Engineer for General Cable Corporation of New York City, New York. During World War II, he served as Superintendent of Product Inspection in the General Cable Plant in St. Louis. After the war he returned to his position with the General Cable Corporation and is located in Evanston, Illinois. War service.

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Virginia Marie Traeger Born September 25, 1923, Peoria, Illinois.
Married John Pierson Baird III, July 24, 1948, St. Charles, Missouri.
John Pierson Baird III's parents are Janet and John Pierson Baird.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. John Pierson Baird III, 102 Jefferson Road, Webster's Grove, Missouri.
Notes: Virginia Marie Traeger Baird is the eldest child of Lydia Marie Velde and William H. Traeger. She is a graduate of Evanston High School, Evanston, Illinois. She attended Katherine Lord's Art School and won first honors in the 1941 Art Exhibit in Evanston, Illinois. She studied at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, for two years, then entered Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, and was graduated from this University with a degree of Bachelor of Arts. She taught one year in the Art School of Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Evanston, Illinois.

John Pierson Baird III graduated from Webster Grove High School where he was "all-state" basketball player. He attended the University of Illinois two years and is now attending St. Louis University of Law, St. Louis, Missouri. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity, Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, Emanuel Episcopal Church, and a member of the board of Junior Bar

Association, Webster's Grove, Missouri. His father's family is directly descended from William the Conquerer, and his mother is a direct descendant of Commodore Perry.

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William Velde Traeger . Born February 28, 1928, Peoria, Illinois.
Address: Mr. William Traeger, 2310 Ridgeway Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

Notes: William Velde Traeger is the second child of Lydia Marie Velde and William H. Traeger. He graduated from University City High School, University City, Missouri, where he won his letter on the Varsity football team. He was graduated from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, in 1949, with a Bachelor of Science degree. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and the First Presbyterian Church, Evanston, Illinois.

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Theodore Charles Traeger Born July 1, 1932, St. Louis, Missouri.
Address: Mr. Theodore Charles Traeger, 2310 Ridgeway Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

Notes: Theodore Charles Traeger is the youngest child of Lydia Marie Velde and William H. Traeger. He attended Evanston High School, Evanston, Illinois, where he won his letter on the Varsity football team. He graduated from this school in June, 1950. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Evanston, Illinois.

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Hattie M. Velde Born May 5, 1892, Manito, Illinois.
Married Harry H. Waltmire January 1, 1922, Peoria, Illinois.
Died October 16, 1939, Peoria, Illinois. Buried-Meadow Lawn Cemetery, Manito, Illinois.
Harry H. Waltmire Born December 29, 1886, Delavan, Illinois.
His parents were A.A. and Ida Frances Hawson Waltmire.
Address: Mr. Harry H. Waltmire, 107 Jackson Court, Peoria, Illinois.
Child: Harry Richard Waltmire

Notes: Hattie M. Velde Waltmire was the seventh child of Dedrich William and Rena Bruns Velde She attended Manito Schools and studied piano and voice with private teachers. She was also active in church affiars.

Harry H. Waltmire has been an accountant for the past twenty years. He is Secretary of the Peoples Federal Savings and Loan Association, Peoria, Illinois. War service.

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Harry Richard Waltmire Born October 23, 1923, Peoria, Illinois.
Married Betty Lee Hunter, March 30, 1945, San Francisco, California.
Betty Lee Hunter Born October 28, 1925, Peoria, Illinois.
Her parents are L.L. and Rose C. Kreinberg Hunter. They reside at 105 North Perry, Peoria, Illinois.
Child: Richard Hunter Waltmire (Born January 27, 1950, Peoria, Illinois.)
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Waltmire, 107 Jackson Court, Peoria, Illinois.

Notes: Harry Richard Waltmire is the only child of Hattie M. Velde and Harry H. Waltmire. After graduation from Peoria High School, Peoria, Illinois, he attended Bradley University, Peoria Illinois, and Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. He is presently employed as a claim adjuster with the Great Central Insurance Company, Peoria, Illinois. War service.

Betty L. Hunter Waltmire attended Bradley University as a student in Home Economics.

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Grace Caroline Velde Born September 1, 1895, Manito, Illinois.
Married Clarence Alfred Spring, 1925, Peoria, Illinois.
Died May 25, 1947, Evanston, Illinois. Buried-Crown Hill Cemetery, Denver, Colorado.
Clarence Alfred Spring Born 1895, Washington, Illinois.
Died June 11, 1943. Buried-Crown Hill Cemetery, Denver, Colorado.

Notes: Grace Caroline Spring was the youngest child of Dedrich and Rena Bruns Velde. She spent her childhood on the farm near Manito. Later the family moved to Peoria, Illinois, where she resided until her marriage to Mr. Spring. She and her husband lived in Denver, Colorado, twenty-three years where they were active in church work and sang in the church choir. They became members of the Denver Acapella Choir as both were talented vocalists. She was also a skilled pianist. Mr. Spring was a window trimmer and painter but greatly enjoyed his avocation of poultry raising. After her husband's death Mrs. Spring returned to Pekin, Illinois, to make her home. She resided here until her death in 1947.

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Jacob Bakker van der Velde Born July 21, 1860, East Friesland.
Married Marie Jansen, December 14, 1881, Pekin, Illinois.
Died September 10, 1923, Peoria, Illinois. Buried September 12, 1923, Mason City, Illinois.
Marie Jansen Born February 16, 1857, Aisens, East Friesland.
Died April 30, 1949, Mason City, Illinois. Buried May 3, 1949, Mason City, Illinois.

Children: Hattie Marie (deVries), Teis Dedrich, Rieistina Catherine (1888-1889), William Jacob, Jennie Rena (Rimerman), Marie Jacobina (Lampe), Jacob Louis (Born May 15, 1896-died July, 1896, New Holland, Illinois,) Richard Edward, and Kathryn Marguerite (Chenoweth) Velde.

Notes: Jacob Bakker van der Velde, youngest child of Teis and Heepke Bakker van der Velde, came with his parents, two sisters and his brother to Pekin, Illinois, when he was five years old. He lived with his family in Pekin, and near Lincoln, Illinois, until his marriage to Marie Jansen at Pekin, Illinois. He and his father began farming near Parkland, Illinois. After some years they moved to a farm near Mason City, Illinois, where he remained until his death. While Mr. Velde dropped the title "van der" in ordinary use, he continued to carry on his banking and other business under the name of "van der Velde".

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Velde
Hattie Velde deVries, and Teis Dedrich Velde

Marie Jansen Velde was orphaned at the age of five years and remembered very little about her parents, who lived and died in East Friesland. She came to the United States with her brother, Jacob Jansen, in 1879, and settled in Delavan, Illinois. She was a member of the Methodist Church and the Women's Society of Christian Service in Mason City, Illinois.

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Hattie Marie Velde — Born May 27, 1883, Parkland, Illinois.
Married Luitjen Jacob Roelfs deVries, March 10, 1923, Mason City, Illinois.
Luitjen Jacob Roelfs deVries — Born January 9, 1876, Panola, Illinois.
His parents were Nicholas S. and Jennie B. (Jantje) Roelfs deVries.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Luitjen J.R. deVries, 518 West Elm, Mason City, Illinois.
Notes: Hattie Marie Velde deVries is the eldest child of Jacob Bakker and Marie Jansen Velde.

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Teis Dedrich Velde — Born April 23, 1886, Parkland, Illinois.
Married Helen Garretson, January 25, 1917, New Holland, Illinois.
Died February 3, 1948, Lincoln, Illinois.
Helen Garretson — Born May 20, 1894, New Holland, Illinois.
Her parents were Beauregard and Mary Elizabeth Wenzel Garretson.
Address: Mrs. Teis D. Velde, Lincoln, Illinois.
Child: Eugenia Ruth (Juhl) Velde.
Notes: Teis Dedrich Velde, second child of Jacob B. and Marie Jansen Velde, was engaged in farming near New Holland, Illinois, until March, 1939, when he moved to Lincoln and was then employed at Lincoln Casket Company and Gullett's Greenhouse until he became ill in July, 1947, He died February 3, 1948. He was a member of the Methodist Church in Lincoln, Illinois.

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Eugenia Ruth Velde — Born May 23, 1920, New Holland, Illinois.
Married Leonard Elmo Juhl, June 20, 1942, Lincoln, Illinois.
Leonard Elmo Juhl — Born August 23, 1920, New Holland, Illinois.
His parents were Albert and Margaret Krusemark Juhl.
Children: Joyce Jean (Born May 1, 1946, Lincoln, Illinois) and Gary Alan (Born April 27, 1948, Fairbury, Illinois,) Juhl.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Juhl, 605 East Elm, Fairbury, Illinois.
Notes: Eugenia Ruth Velde Juhl, only child of Teis Dedrich and Helen Garretson Velde, graduated from New Holland High School as valedictorian of her class. She received a Bachelor of Education degree in June, 1941, from Illinois State Normal University and was in the top ten of her class. She was a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Kappa Delta Epsilon, and Pi Omega Pi, listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities", and during her senior year, Honor Resident at the Girls's Dormitory. She taught business at Warren Township High, Gurnee, Illinois, for one year and then married. She then taught at Lincoln College, Lincoln, Illinois, and worked in a Lincoln office while her husband was in service.

Leonard Juhl was in the United States Navy in World War II. Mr. and Mrs. Juhl and children live in Fairbury, where he is coach at the high school and where they attend the Lutheran Church.

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William and Kathryn Peterson Velde

William Jacob Velde
Born February 14, 1890, Spring Lake, Illinois.
Married Kathryn J. Peterson, February 21, 1917, Mason City, Illinois.
Kathryn J. Peterson
Born September 1, 1894, Havana, Ill.
Her parents were Albert W. and Mollie E. Lampe Peterson.
Address: Mr. and Mrs William J. Velde, New Holland, Ill.
Children: William Albert, Marilee Alice (Blessman) and twin Marjorie Anne (Brownfield) Velde.

Notes: William Jacob Velde, fourth child of Jacob Bakker and Marie Jansen Velde, is a farmer living in Mason City Township, Mason County, Illinois, and a member of A.F. and A.M. Mason City Lodge No. 403. He has also served as a member of the County Commission of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. War service.

William and Evelyn McMurry Velde

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William Albert Velde
Born February 13, 1924, Mason City, Illinois.
Married Evelyn M. McMurry, March 30, 1946, Champaign, Illinois.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. William A. Velde, 121 South Eighth, De Kalb, Illinois.

Notes: William Albert Velde, eldest child of William J. and Kathryn Peterson Velde, graduated from Mason City Community High School in 1942, and enlisted in the Marines in December, 1942. He entered the University of Illinois and graduated with a B.S. in Agriculture in June, 1948. He is now employed by the California Packing Company at De Kalb, Illinois. War service.

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Marilee Velde and Gene D. Blessman

Marilee Alice Velde
Born December 17, 1927, Peoria, Ill.
Married Gene D. Blessman, November 23, 1947, Mason City, Ill
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Gene D. Blessman, Mason City, Illinois.

Notes: Marilee Alice Velde Blessman, daughter of William Jacob and Kathryn J. Peterson Velde graduated from Mason City High School, Mason City,,Illinois, in 1945, and worked as a stenographer at the State Farm Mutual Insurance Company in Bloomington, Illinois, for two years. Gene D. Blessman is employed as stenographer at Funk Brother Seed Company, Mason City, Illinois. War service.

Marjorie Velde and Robert Brownfield

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Marjorie Anne Velde Born December 17, 1927, Peoria, Illinois.
Married Robert D. Brownfield, July 27, 1947, Mason City, Illinois.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Brownfield, Mason City, Illinois.
Notes: Marjorie Anne Velde daughter of William Jacob and Kathryn J. Peterson Velde, graduated from Mason City High School, Mason City, Illinois, in 1945, and worked as a stenographer at the State Farm Mutual Insurance Company in Bloomington, Illinois, for two years. She and her husband, Robert D. Brownfield, live on a farm near New Holland, Illinois.

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Mr. and Mrs. Adolph F. Rimerman

Jennie Rena Velde
Born February 20, 1892, Parkland, Ill.
Married Adolph Frank Rimerman, October 25, 1917, New Holland, Illinois.
Adolph Frank Rimerman
Born August 18, 1891, Bath, Illinois.
Died July 11, 1945, Lincoln, Illinois.
Buried Lincoln, Ill.
His parents were Frank H. and Reka Schrader Rimerman.
Children: Richard L. (Born and died August 20, 1920), Franklin Adolph, William J. (Born and died April 8, 1923,) Rimerman.
Address: Mrs. A.F. Rimerman, 179 Ninth Street, Lincoln, Illinois.

Franklin Adolph Rimerman

Notes: Jennie Rena Velde Rimerman, fifth child of Jacob Bakker and Marie Jansen Velde, was born on a farm near Parkland, Illinois. When she was four her parents moved to a farm near New Holland, Illinois. She graduated from two years High School in 1909, and attended Normal University one year and two summers. She taught school six years. She was a member of the New Holland Methodist Church, but after her marriage she joined the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Lincoln, Illinois. She married Adolph F. Rimerman at the country home of her parents, and settled on a farm near Burtonview, Illinois. After the death of her husbnad in 1945, Mrs. Rimerman rented the farm to John Tomlin, just returned from service, and took a position in Lincoln, Illinois, as Recreation Aide at Lincoln State School and Colony.

Mr. Rimerman was known among his friends as "Duff". He was fond of duck hunting and expert at trap shooting, having won many medals in this sport. He attended Lincoln College, Lincoln, Illinois, and the Gem City Business College majoring in bookkeeping. He was a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge No. 210, and St. John's Evangelical Reformed Church, Lincoln, Illinois.

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Franklin Adolph Rimerman Born July 29, 1919, Lincoln, Illinois.
Died in the service of his country near Bari, Italy, August 15, 1944. Buried December 5, 1949, in the National Cemetery, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.
Notes: Franklin Adolph Rimerman attended elementary school at Burtonview, Illinois, and high school in New Holland, Illinois, graduating in 1936, at the age of sixteen. He joined his father in farming and engaged in the pure-bred livestock business, raising Hampshire hogs and Shorthorn cattle. He was a member of the St. John's Evangelical Reformed Church and the Masonic Lodge in Lincoln, Illinois. War service.

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Marie Jacobina Velde Born December 15, 1893, Parkland, Illinois.
Married John Sharp Lampe, October 26, 1916, Mason City, Illinois.
John Sharp Lampe Born March 28, 1896, Mason City, Illinois.
His parents were John Gerald and Mabel Gertrude Sharp Lampe.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Lampe, Mason City, Illinois.
Children: Dorothy Vendla (Rabbe), and John Gerald Lampe.

Notes: Marie Jacobina Velde Lampe is the sixth child of Jacob Bakker and Mary Jansen Velde.

# #

Dorothy Vendla Lampe Born June 3, 1918, Mason City, Illinois.
Married Robert Rabbe, October 30, 1937, Fowler, Indiana.
Children: Connie Louise (Born June 21, 1940, Springfield, Illinois,) and Patricia Ann (Born September 21, 1945, Clinton, Illinois,) Rabbe.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rabbe, Clinton, Illinois.
Notes: Dorothy Vendla Lampe Rabbe is the only daughter of Marie Velde and John Sharp Lampe.

# #

John Gerald Lampe Born December 21, 1921, Mason City, Illinois.
Married Beverly Simmons, December 15, 1949, Sacramento, California.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. John Gerald Lampe, McCelland Air Field, Sacramento, California.
Notes: John Gerald Lampe, son of Marie Velde and John Sharp Lampe, went to California in August of 1940, and entered the Curtis-Wright Aviation School in September, 1940, where he remaine for one year. He took the Civil service examination and worked as a mechanic at the McCelland Air Base in Sacramento, California, for a year and a half. He then entered the Army. War service.

# # #

Richard Edward Velde Born January 18, 1898, New Holland, Illinois.
Married Velma Tomlin, November 18, 1921, Mason City, Illinois.
Died June 23, 1933, Mason City, Illinois. Buried-Mason City Cemetery, Mason City, Illinois.
Address: Mrs. Richard Velde, Mason City, Illinois.
Notes: Richard Edward Velde was the eighth child of Jacob Bakker and Marie Jansen Velde. He and his wife, Velma Tomlin Velde had one child who died at birth and was never named. Richard Velc was a member of the Methodist Church and Lodge No. 403 A.F. and A.M. at Mason City, Illinois. He died at his home of tuberculosis shortly after returning from Arizona where he had spent five mont

# # #

Kathryn Marguerite Velde Born September 15, 1900, New Holland, Illinois.
Married Avery Hobart Chenoweth, D.D.S., June 17, 1922, Mason City, Illinois.
Avery Hobart Chenoweth, D.D.S. Born January 30, 1896, Easton, Illinois.
Died May 6, 1941, Tucson, Pima County, Arizona. Buried May 11, 1941, Mason City, Illinois.
His parents were Charles Bruce and Marietta Wood Chenoweth.
Address: Mrs. Avery H. Chenoweth, 1104 West California, Urbana, Illinois.
Children: Carlin Velde and Don Leland Chenoweth.
Notes: Kathryn Velde Chenoweth, ninth child of Jacob Bakker and Marie Jansen Velde, graduated from New Holland High School and attended Stead's Music Conservatory at Peoria, Illinois. After he marriage she became active in church and school work. Following her husband's death she removed to Urbana, Illinois, and engaged in the practice of Nursing.
Doctor Avery H. Chenoweth graduated from Mason City High School, attended the St. Louis University School of Dentistry, and received his Doctor's degree in Dentistry in 1922. He started practicing dentistry in East, Illinois, later in M'Cuhen, Illinois. His health failed and he moved to Tucson, Arizona, in 1940, where he passed away.

# #

Carlin Velde Chenoweth Born January 21, 1923, Easton, Illinois.
Married Barbara Sibley March 20, 1948, Chicago, Illinois.
Barbara Sibley Born February 16, 1924, Albion, Michigan.
Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde J. Sibley.
Address: Dr. and Mrs. C.V. Chenoweth, 4502 North Paulina, Apt. 102, Chicago, Illinois.
Notes: Carlin Velde Chenoweth, eldest son of Kathryn Velde and Avery H. Chenoweth, graduated from Tucson High School, and entered the University of Arizona as a preparatory medical student. The next year he enrolled for the same course at the University of Illinois at Urbana, Illinois. Then he attended the University of Illinois Medical School at Chicago, Illinois, and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in June, 1947. He interned at Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Illinois for two years. In December, 1948, he enlisted in the Navy for one year as Lieutenant Junior Grade. He is at present receiving training in General Surgery, working for Dr. Karl A. Meyer at Columbus Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. War service.
Barbara Sibley graduated from Stockbridge High School in Stockbridge, Michigan, and also graduated from Michigan State College with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Dietetics.

# #

Don Leland Chenoweth Born May 18, 1927, Easton, Illinois.
Address: Mr. Don Leland Chenoweth, 1104 West California, Urbana, Illinois.
Notes: Don Leland Chenoweth, youngest child of Kathryn Velde and Avery H. Chenoweth, graduated from Urbana High School in 1945. He entered the University of Illinois in 1946, as a student in Radio Journalism.

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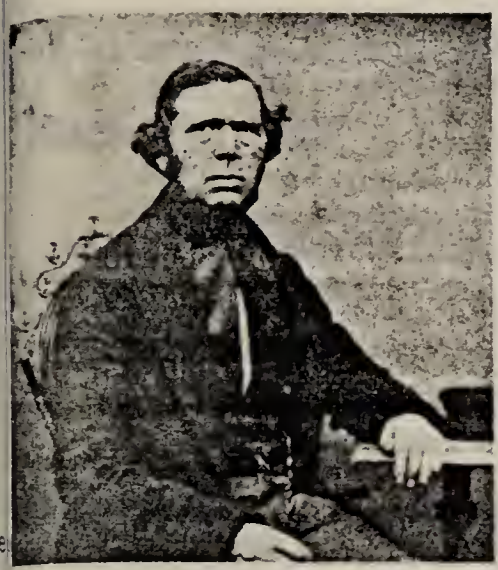

Luitjen Jacob Roelfs

Tryntje van der Velde

Abstract of the Birth and Baptism Book of the Evangelical Reformed Congregation, Hamswehrum, East Friesland. Year 1825, page 74. Place of birth Hamswehrum. Name of child, Tryntje van der Velde. Date of birth May 10, 1825. Baptism May 29, 1825. Parents Dirk Foeken van der Velde and Jantje Berendine Kok Married Couple. Abstracted September 20,1950. Behrends, Pastor.

Married Luitjen Jacob Roelfs, March 3, 1845, East Friesland.

Died November 14, 1892.

Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Ill.

Tryntje van der Velde Roelfs

Luitjen Jacob Roelfs

Born October 28, 1815, Groothusen, East Friesland.

Died June 20, 1900, Hepler, Kansas.

Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

His parents were Jacob Arends and Trienke Luitjens Roelfs.

hildren: Trientje (Velde-Luppen), Jacob A., Richard, Jantje (deVries), Tina (deVries), and Dieter-cka (1856-1873) Roelfs.

Notes: Tryntje van der Velde Roelfs, fourth child of Dirk Foeken and Jantje Berendine Kok van er Velde, received a primary education in Hamswehrum, East Friesland. The Roelfs eldest daughter, rientje, had married Henry van der Velde and had come to Pekin as a bride. Mrs. Roelfs came to isit her in 1868 and liked America so well that she and her husband decided to sell their grocery usiness and follow their daughter to Pekin, Illinois. They arrived in Pekin in 1869. They brought ome of their furniture with them, and these pieces have become highly prized family heirlooms. ryntje van der Velde was five feet ten inches tall and usually weighed one hundred fifty pounds. he had brown hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion. She was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church n East Friesland, and of the Methodist Church in Pekin, Illinois.

Luitjen Jacob Roelfs was a well educated, successful merchant of Groothusen, East Friesland. e was six feet tall and weighed one hundred sixty-five pounds. His hair was dark and his eyes, rey. Those who remember him speak first of his cheery, kindly personality. He was a member of the elde & Company, grocers, firm in Pekin, Illinois. Henry Velde of this firm was his son-in-law.

# # # #

rientje Roelfs — Born November 7, 1846, Groothusen, East Friesland.

Married first Hinderk Dirk van der Velde, 1865, Groothusen, East Friesland.

Married second, Luppe Luppen, Pekin, Illinois.

Died 1919, Pekin, Illinois. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

inderk Dirk van der Velde-later Henry Velde — Born 1836, East Friesland.

Died 1872, Pekin, Illinois. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

uppe Luppen — Born August 20, 1825, Europe.

Died June 27, 1908. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

hildren of Trientje Roelfs and Henry Velde: Lucy(Grondenburg), Dietrich Foeke, and Katherine enrietta Velde. The family lineages of these children are recorded in the Foeke van der Velde amily section of this Record.

hild of Trientje Roelfs and Luppe Luppen: Justina Luppen (Died in infancy).

Notes: Trientje Roelfs was the eldest child of Trientje van der Velde and Luitjen A. Roelfs. he married Henry van der Velde in East Friesland and came to Pekin, Illinois, as a bride in 1865. enry had established a grocery store in Pekin and had been joined by the father-in-law, Luitjen oelfs, in 1869. After six years of living in Pekin, Henry Velde died, leaving Trientje with three mall children. Several years later Trientje Roelfs Velde married Luppe Luppen, whom she also out-ived.

# # # #

acob A. Roelfs II — Born 1847, Groothusen, East Friesland.

Married Adline Feltman, Pekin, Illinois.

Died June 12, 1912. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

dline Feltman — Born June 20, 1851, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Died November, 1927. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

hild: Luitjen (Louis) Roelfs (Died in infancy).

Notes: Jacob Roelfs, second child of Trientje van der Velde and Luitjen A. Roelfs, came with

his parents to America when he was twenty-two years old. He first was employed as a clerk in Pek Illinois, but soon became associated with his uncle, John Velde, in the hardware business. In 18 this firm was reorganized under the name of Velde, Roelfs, and Company, the name which it bears today (1950).

# # # #

Richard Roelfs — Born 1848, Groothusen, East Friesland.
Married Annette Ruhaak-Velde, Pekin, Illinois.
Died 1911. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Annette Ruhaak — Born Pekin, Illinois.
Died July 19, 1934. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Her parents were Garrett G. and Annette Ruhaak.
Child: Garrett Roelfs
Notes: Richard Roelfs, second son of Trientje van der Velde and Luitjen J. Roelfs, came to America with his parents in 1869. He was a traveling salesman for Velde, Roelfs & Company, Pekin Illinois.

# # #

Garrett Roelfs — Born April 1, 1906, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Lucile Meeker, November 19, 1932, Peoria, Illinois.
Lucile Meeker — Born January 27, 1907.
Her parents are Frederick T. and Theda F. Meeker.
Children: Susan Jane (Born 1940), Richard Frederick (Born 1945), and Robert Garrett (Born 1948) Roelfs.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Roelfs, 1635 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York.
Notes: Garrett Roelfs, only child of Richard and Annette Ruhaak Roelfs, is employed by Cate pillar Tractor Company as District Representative in the States of New York, Connecticut, New Har shire and Vermont. He was employed by the Central Illinois Light Company from 1925 until 1944 whe he left this position and went east to live.

# # # #

Jantje Roelfs — Born November 4, 1849, Groothusen, East Friesland
Married Nicholas Steven deVries, May 22, 1872, Pekin, Illinois.
Died January 27, 1916, Panola, Illinois. Buried-Minonk Cemetery, Minonk, Illinois.
Nicholas Steven deVries — Born July 2, 1843, Wirdum, East Friesland.
Died November 15, 1914, Panola, Illinois. Buried-Minonk Cemetery, Minonk, Illinois.
His parents were Steven and — Lambert deVries.
Children: Luitjen Jacob Roelfs, Steven, and Greeta (Shuck) deVries.
Notes: Jantje Roelfs was the fourth child of Trientje van der Velde and Luitjen Roelfs. She came to Pekin with her parents when she was twenty years old and lived the rest of her life in ce tral Illinois.

# # #

Luitjen Jacob Roelfs deVries — Born January 9, 1876, Panola, Illinois.
Married Hattie Velde, March 10, 1923, Mason City, Illinois.
Hattie Velde — Born May 27, 1883, Parkland, Illinois.
Her parents were Jacob B. and Marie Jansen van der Velde.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. L.J. deVries, 518 West Elm Street, Mason City, Illinois.
Notes: Luitjen Jacob deVries is the eldest child of Jantje Roelfs and Nicholas Steven deVrie

# # #

Steven deVries II — Born Panola, Illinois.
Married Jennie Long, El Paso, Illinois.
Died December 15, 1950, age 73.
Jennie Long is buried in El Paso, Illinois.
Child: Virgil deVries.
Notes: Steven deVries was the second child of Jantje Roelfs and Nicholas Steven deVries.

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Virgil deVries — Born El Paso, Illinois.
Address: Mr. Virgil deVries, Sunnyland, Washington, Illinois.
Notes: Virgil deVries is the only child of Steven and Jennie Long deVries.

# # #

Greeta deVries
Married William Shuck, February 14, 1901.
Address: Mrs. William Shuck, Minonk, Illinois.
Children: Magdelene (Eichelberger), Bernadine (Vissering), William J., and John deVries Shuck.
Notes: Greeta deVries Shuck is the third child of Jantje Roelfs and Nicholas deVries. She ha been most helpful in the writing of this Record contributing much information and many photograph

She is much interested in helping her distant relatives in Europe who have suffered so seriously from the last war.

# #

Magdalene Shuck Born January 4, 1902, Minonk, Illinois.
Married Chris Eichelberger, Emden, Illinois.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Chris Eichelberger, El Paso, Illinois.
Children: Jeanette (Burrows), Mary Jean (Meierhofer), Robert (Born May 7, 1932, El Paso, Illinois), Grace (Born January 19, 1934, El Paso, Illinois), Gordon (Born February 3, 1936, El Paso, Illinois,) and Louella (Born September 29, 1937, El Paso, Illinois,) Eichelberger.
Notes: Magdalene Shuck Eichelberger is the eldest child of Greeta deVries and William Shuck.

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Jeanette Eichelberger Born September 13, 1929, Emden, Illinois.
Married -- Burrows.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Burrows, Washington, Illinois.
Notes: Jeanette Eichelberger Burrows is the eldest child of Magdalene Shuck and Chris Eichelberger.

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Mary Jean Eichelberger Born December 21, 1930, Emden, Illinois.
Married -- Meierhofer.
Notes: Mary Jean Eichelberger Meierhofer is the second child of Magdalene Shuck and Chris Eichelberger.

# #

Bernadine Shuck Born October 25, 1905, Minonk, Illinois.
Married Arthur Vissering.
Children: Marlene (Born June 14, 1935, Panola, Illinois) and Richard (Born October 30, 1937, Bloomington, Illinois,) Vissering.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vissering, Washburn, Illinois.
Notes: Bernadine Shuck Vissering is the second child of Greeta deVries and William Shuck.

# #

William J. Shuck Born November 28, 1915, Panola, Illinois.
Married Ruth Ioerger, Minonk, Illinois.
Child: Paula Ruth (Born October 14, 1948, Peoria, Illinois,) Shuck.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. William J. Shuck, Washington, Illinois.
Notes: William J. Shuck is the third child and eldest son of Greeta deVries and William Shuck.

# #

John deVries Shuck Born November 25, 1919, Panola, Illinois.
Married Frances Peters, El Paso, Illinois.
Children: Leonard D. (Born March 7, 1941, Bloomington, Illinois), Linda D. (Born March 27, 1944, Peoria, Illinois), and Susan F. (Born November 30, 1947, Peoria, Illinois) Shuck.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. John deVries Shuck, 921 East Corrington Avenue, Peoria, Illinois.
Notes: John deVries Shuck is the fourth child and second son of Greeta deVries and William Shuck.

# # # #

Tina Roelfs Born 1852, Groothusen, East Friesland.
Married George S. deVries, 1873, Pekin, Illinois.
Buried-Deerfield, Kansas.
George S. deVries Born Wirdum, East Friesland.
Died San Jose, California. Buried-Deerfield, Kansas.
His parents were Steven and — Lambert deVries.
Children: Steven S. (1874-1897), Louis H., Henry J., Grace (Jewell) deVries.
Notes: Tina Roelfs deVries was the fifth child of Trientje van der Velde and Luitjen Roelfs. She came to America with her parents in 1869, and married George deVries, in Pekin, Illinois. He was a brother to Nicholas deVries who married Tina's sister Jantje. Some time after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. George deVries moved to Deerfield, Kansas, and lived there many years. Tina Roelfs deVries died there and is buried there.

# # #

Louis H. deVries Born 1879, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Celia Koch. Died 1947, McAllen, Texas.
Celia Koch Born 1881, Pekin, Illinois.
Died September 11, 1950, McAllen, Texas. Buried-McAllen, Texas.
Her parents were Henry L. and Katherine Koch.
Children: Lucille Koch, Marguerite Marie (Tandowsky), Georgia (Vandever), Harriet (Born 1910, died 1932), and Louis Steven deVries.

Notes: Louis H. deVries was the second son of Tina Roelfs and George S. deVries. Before her sudden death in September, 1950, Celia Koch deVries had taken much interest in collecting and sending in the information about her family for the Record.

# #

Lucille deVries — Born 1901, Hepler, Kansas.

Married - divorced.

Child: Georgia Williams (Born Los Angeles, California.

Address: Lucille deVries, Garfield Hospital, Monterrey Park, California.

Notes: Lucille deVries, eldest child of Louis H. and Celia Koch deVries, attended the University of Missouri; received a B.S. degree at the University of California; and did special research work at Barnes Hospital in connection with Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. At present she is a dietitian at Garfield Hospital, Monterrey Park, California.

# #

Marguerite deVries — Born 1904, Hepler, Kansas.

Married-divorced.

Child: Ralph Myron Tandowsky

Address: Mrs. Marguerite deVries Tandowsky, 2109 Malcom Avenue, West Los Angeles, California.

Notes: Marguerite deVries Tandowsky, second child of Louis H. and Celia Koch deVries, received her B.S. degree at the University of Missouri and her Masters degree from the University of Southern California. She is a Social Service Worker, now with the Children's Society of California, Los Angeles, California.

Ralph Myron Tandowsky is attending John Hopkins University.

# #

Georgia deVries — Born 1906, Hepler, Kansas.

Married Leslie Hugh Vandever.

Leslie Hugh Vandever — Born 1901, Fredonia, Kansas.

Her parents are Frank Ross and Mary O'Leary Vandever.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hugh Vandever, 315 South Eighth Street, McAllen, Texas.

Notes: Georgia deVries Vandever, third child of Louis H. and Celia Koch deVries, received her B.J. degree from the University of Missouri. She does newspaper display advertising work, and at present is with the All Valley Express and News, Express Publishing Company of San Antonio, Texas.

# #

Louis Steven deVries — Born 1917, Deerfield, Missouri.

Married Bonnie B. Hall, 1944, in Oregon.

Bonnie B. Hall — Born 1920, Michigan.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hall, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Children: Bonnie Hall (Born Coos Bay, Oregon), Louis Steven Jr. (Born Kingsville, Texas), Marilyn Jean (Born Kingsville, Texas,) deVries.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. deVries, A.& I. East Campus, Kingsville, Texas.

Notes: Louis Steven deVries, fifth and youngest child of Louis H. and Celia Koch deVries, attended the University of Texas and received his B.A. degree from Texas College of Arts & Industries, Kingsville, Texas. At present he is an instructor in the School of Agriculture at Texas College of Arts and Industries, Kingsville, Texas. War service.

# # #

Henry J. deVries — Born March 20, 1882, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Berta Roberts, April 15, 1906.

Berta Roberts — Born September 5, 1888.

Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Bramwell Roberts.

Address: Mr.Henry J. deVries, Chiropractor, 1923½ Broadway, Farrell, Pennsylvania and 1199 School Street, Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Children: George (1907-1918), Gilbert, Calvert, Eugenia (Weir-Ertle), Neva (Fulcomer-Weingard), and Lois (Drew) deVries.

Notes: Henry J. deVries, third son of Tina Roelfs and George deVries, is practicing his profession at 1199 School Street, Indiana, Pennsylvania.

# #

Gilbert deVries — Born 1908, Dighton, Kansas.

Married Mary Hunis, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Notes: Gilbert deVries is the second son of Henry J. and Berta Roberts deVries.

# #

Calvert deVries — Born 1909, Dighton, Kansas.

Married Ethel Mae Wagner, May 1, 1915, Cherry Tree, Pennsylvania.

Ethel Mae Wagner's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Almon E. Wagner.

Child: Janet Carroll (Born April 29, 1936) deVries.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Calvert deVries, Cherry Tree, Pennsylvania.
Notes: Calvert deVries is the third son of Henry J. and Berta Roberts deVries.

# #

Eugenia deVries Born 1911, Dighton, Kansas.
Married first, Robert Weir (divorced)
Married second, Frank Ertel - deceased.
Child: Mrs. Juannie Chidboy, 1680 East 117 Street, Cleveland, Ohio.
Notes: Eugenia deVries Weir-Ertel is the fourth child of Henry J. and Berta Roberts deVries.

# #

Neva deVries Born 1913, Lancaster, Wisconsin.
Married first -- Fulcomer.
Married second Edward D. Weingard. His parents are Edward and Mila Currey Weingard.
Children of Neva deVries and -- Fulcomer: Patty Anne (Born Blairsville, Pennsylvania) and Jack Irvin (Born Indiana, Pennsylvania,) Fulcomer.
Notes: Neva deVries Fulcomer-Weingard is the fifth child of Henry J. and Berta Roberts deVries.

# #

Lois deVries Born 1916, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.
Married William Drew.
Child: Billy Drew (Born Cleveland, Ohio).
Notes: Lois deVries Drew is the sixth and youngest child of Henry J. and Berta Roberts deVries.

# # #

Grace deVries Born 1885, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Dr. Chester O. Jewell, 1908, Walla Walla, Washington.
Dr. Chester O. Jewell Born 1881.
Died 1929.
His parents were Ernest and Emma Jewell.
Address: Mrs. Grace deVries Jewell, 286 South Fifteenth Street, San Jose, California.
Children: Frances J. (Youd), Florence G. (Buehler), and Ann deVries (Heath) Jewell.
Notes: Grace deVries Jewell is the youngest child of Tina Roelfs and George S. deVries. She greatly assisted in the compiling of this Record by her wide friendship among her distant relatives, having kept in touch with them since hers and their childhood days in Pekin.

Grace deVries Jewell

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Frances Jewell Born 1910.
Married James T. Youd, 1935, Mariposa, California.
James T. Youd Born 1907.
His parents are Thomas and Mattie Youd.
Children: Jean A. (Born 1937) and James C. (Born 1943) Youd.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. James T. Youd, 370,Portlack Road, Honolulu, T.H.
Notes: Frances Jewell Youd, eldest daughter of Grace deVries and Dr. Chester O. Jewell, is a graduate of the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California. James T. Youd is a graduate of the Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. He is now one of the head Engineers of the Hawaiian Pineapple Company in Honolulu.

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Florence G. Jewell Born 1913.
Married Dr. Lyle H. Buehler, Stanford Memorial Chapel.
Dr. Lyle H. Buehler Born 1910.
His parents are Dr. John and Clara Buehler.
Children: Donald (Born 1943), Stuart (Born 1945), and Robert (Born 1946) Buehler.
Address: Dr. and Mrs. Lyle H. Buehler, Niles, California.
Notes: Florence G. Jewell Buehler, second daughter of Grace deVries and Dr. Chester O. Jewell, is a graduate of the University of California. Dr. Lyle Buehler is a graduate of Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

# #

Ann deVries Jewell Born 1917.
Married Francis R. Heath, 1940, Black Point, Honolulu, T.H.
Francis R. Heath Born 1917.
His parents are Reeves and Ruth Heath.
Child: Francis R. Heath IV (Born 1948).
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Francis R. Heath, 4620 Kahala, Honolulu, T.H.
Notes: Ann deVries Jewell Heath, youngest daughter of Grace deVries and Dr. Chester O. Jewell,

is a graduate of Queens Hospital in Honolulu, T.H. She graduated as a Therapist. Francis R. Heath is associated with the American Factors Limited in Honolulu, T.H.

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Jantje van der Velde

Abstract of the Birth and Baptism Book of the Evangelical-Reformed Congregation, Hamswehrum, East Friesland, year 1827, page 79. Place of birth Hamswehrum, name of child Jantje van der Velde Day and hour of birth 6:00 A.M. December 11, 1827, day of baptism December 16, 1827. Name and profession of parents, Shoemaker Master Workman, Dirk Foeken van der Velde and his wife Jantje Jans. Abstracted Hamswehrum, September 20, 1950, Behrends Pastor.

Notes: Mrs. Greeta deVries Shuck of Minonk, Illinois, corresponds regularly with her second cousin, Mrs. Jannette Dirks, of Emden, Germany. Mrs. Dirks is a granddaughter of Jantje van der Velde and has written Mrs. Shuck the following information: Jantje van der Velde married—Rademak Their daughter Jantje Rademaker married—Dotenta; Jannette, the daughter of Jantje Rademaker Dote married—Dirks. Mrs. Dirks mentions a son Geunther in her letter of June 25, 1950, to Mrs. Shuck.

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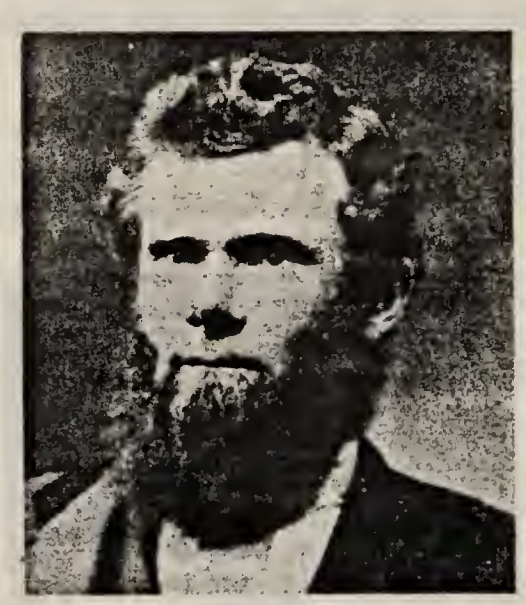


John Velde

John Velde (Jan van der Velde)

Abstract of the Birth and Burial Book Evangelical-Reformed Congregation, Hamswehrum, East Friesland, year 1831, page 86. Baptismal name Jan. Date of Baptism September 18, 1831, date of birth August 18, 1831. Name and profession of parents, Master Shoemaker, Dirk Foeken van der Velde and Jantje Jan. Abstracted October 16, 1950, Behrends, Pastor.

Married Agnes Frey, Pekin, Illinois.
Died 1909. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery Pekin, Illinois.

Agnes Frey

Born 1834.
Died 1924. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Agnes Frey Velde

Her mother, Anna Katherine Frey (1810-1893) is buried near her daughter in Lakeside Cemetery Pekin, Illinois.

Children: Jacob, Diedrich D., Katherine (Reuter), John (Died in infancy), Henry F., Emma H.(Bergn Frederick, Rudolph, Frank Alfred, Agnes (Herget), Louise, Susie (died in childhood) Velde.

Notes: John Velde, second son of Dirk Foeken and Jantje van der Velde, was orphaned at the a of ten years. He was educated in Hamswehrum, and learned the trade of shoemaking from his father there. When he was eighteen years old he came to Pekin, Illinois, and began his business life the as a shoemaker. Soon after arriving here he dropped the "van der" from his name and became simply John Velde. It is believed that he was the first of the family to drop the title from the name va der Velde. In 1865, he quit his business as shoemaker to become a partner with his cousin, Teis Smith, in the establishment of the firm of Smith, Velde and Company, hardware dealers. Eventually he became sole owner of this firm and operated it until his death in 1909. In 1878, Mr. Velde sol a large interest in the business to his son, Diedrich Velde. In 1894, Jacob Roelfs, nephew to Joh Velde, joined the firm and the name was changed to Velde, Roelfs, and Company, the name it bears today. This company has the unusual record of continuing through eighty-five years and four gener tions of the John Velde family—John, Diedrich, J. Ernest, and John E. Velde. It is today one of the most successful business enterprises of the city of Pekin, Illinois. John Velde was active in the civic and social life of Pekin. He served several years as Alderman. In 1860, the first fire engine company in Pekin was organized as Rescue Fire Company Number 1, and John Velde was elected Treasurer. The fire companies of that time were important socially, membership was voluntary and services were without remuneration, to belong was evidence of the public spirit of the men who joined, therefore the leaders of the city were first to volunteer. It was the custom of these early fire engine companies to sponsor balls, carnivals, and other gay events; and they were the forerunners of our Country Clubs and other social groups of today. John Velde and his wife were members of the Grace Methodist Church in Pekin, Illinois.

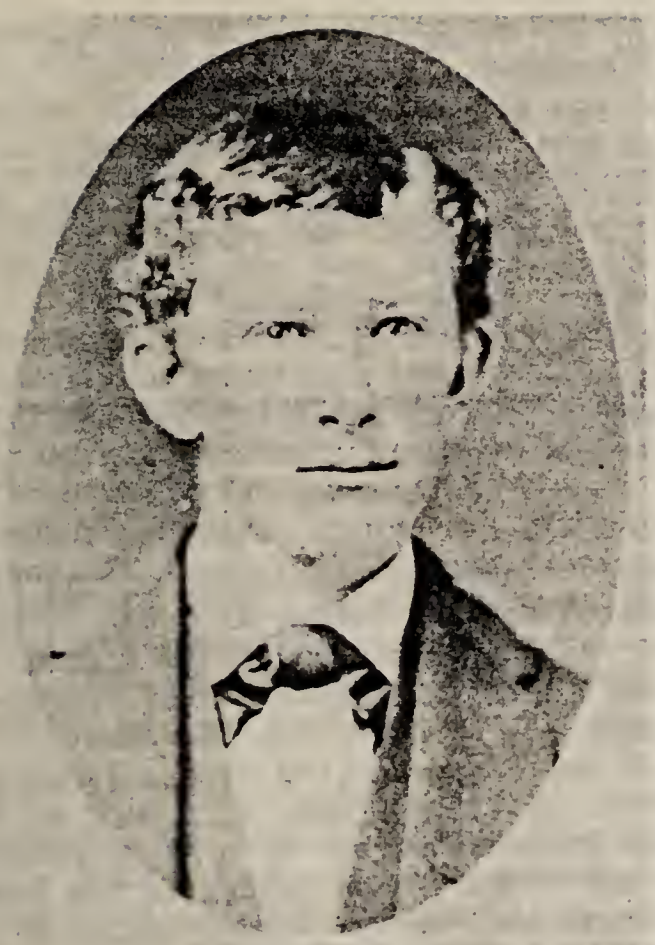
# # # #

Jacob Velde — Born May 4, 1854, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Mary March, April, 1880.
Died October 24, 1938. Buried-Tremont, Illinois.

Mary March — Born Tremont, Illinois.

Buried-Tremont, Illinois.



Jacob Velde

Child: Leslie H. Velde.

Notes: Jacob Velde, eldest son of John and Agnes Frey Velde, attended the Pekin schools, then enrolled in Iowa Wesleyan University at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. He spent some years apprenticed in the hardware business at his father's store in Pekin, Illinois, then sold heavy hard ware in Chicago for three years. In 1878, he founded the Velde Hardware Store in Tremont, Illinois, and operated this business until his death in 1938. Mr. Velde was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

# # #

Leslie H. Velde

Born December 22, 1881, Tremont, Ill.
Married Della Whisler November 23, 1901, Springfield, Illinois.

Leslie H. Velde

Died February 20, 1945, Tremont, Illinois. Buried-Tremont, Illinois.

Della Whisler Born February 11, 1882, Mackinaw, Illinois.

Her parents were James R. and Mary Catherine Smith Whisler.

Address: Mrs. Leslie Velde, Tremont, Illinois, and 16 Park Avenue, New York City, New York.

Children: Donald Leslie, Robert Jacob, and James Raymond Velde.

Notes: Leslie H. Velde, only child of Jacob and Mary March Velde, attended Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois. He then joined his father in the hardware business in Tremont, Illinois, becoming manager when his father died in 1938, and followed this occupation until his death in 1945. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Tremont, Illinois.

Della Whisler Velde also attended Illinois Wesleyan University. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Tremont, Illinois.

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Donald Leslie Velde Born September 10, 1902, Tremont, Illinois.

Married Edith M. Curtis, January 14, 1928, Staten Island, New York, New York.

Edith M. Curtis Born July 29, 1905, Brooklyn, New York.

Her parents are John W. and Edith T. Quinn Curtis.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Velde, 16 Park Avenue, New York City, New York.

Notes: Donald L. Velde, eldest son of Leslie H. and Della Whisler Velde, attended Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, and Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and is a Republican. He is engaged in the Advertising Business under the firm name of Donald L. Velde Enterprises, New York, New York.

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Robert Jacob Velde Born May 4, 1909, Bloomington, Illinois.

Married Isabelle Dien, June 19, 1948, New York City, New York.

Isabelle Dien Born September 22, 1913, London, England.

Her parents are Charles and Alice Rollier Dien.

Child: Leslie France Velde-daughter (Born February 18, 1950, New York City, New York.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jacob Velde, 375 Sasco Hill Road, Fairfield, Connecticut.

Notes: Robert Jacob Velde, second son of Leslie H. and Della Whisler Velde, attended the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. He is employed as Art Director of an Advertising Agency in New York City, New York. He and his wife were actively engaged in World War II. War service.

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James Raymond Velde Born November 1, 1913, Normal, Illinois.

Married Janice Pierce, May 8, 1934.

Janice Pierce Born December 25, 1913.

Her parents are Everette L. and Margaret M. Wood Pierce.

Children: Thomas Leslie (Born July 24, 1943, Detroit, Michigan) and Peter Alan (Born June 16, 1949 Des Moines, Iowa) Velde.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. James R. Velde, 2021 Fifty-fifth Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Notes: James Raymond Velde, youngest son of Leslie H. and Della Whisler Velde, attended Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois, and is now Branch Manager, Eagle Lion Films, Des Moines, Iowa. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is a Republican. War service.

# # # #

Diedrich D. Velde — Born April 5, 1856, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Lena Herget, September 30, 1881, Pekin, Illinois.

Died August 30, 1937, Pekin, Illinois. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Lena Herget — Born July 30, 1861, Pekin, Illinois.

Died June, 1943. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Her parents were John and Ernestine Schreck Herget.

Children: John Ernest and Karl H. Velde.

Notes: Diedrich D. Velde, second son of John and Agnes Frey Velde, was a graduate of the Peki Public Schools and was a member of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church of Pekin. Although he was not trained in music, he could play the flute, the violin, and the piano, and possessed a good singing voice. He sang in different church choirs for many years, serving longest in the Presbyterian Church. He donated generously to all the churches in town, and at his death the first bouquet to arrive was from the Free Methodist Church. Mr. Velde was often invited by the farmers to play at their weddings for the dancing following the ceremony. He enjoyed this very much as his genial personality made him at home in all groups. He began his business career as a buggy painter for the T. & H. Smith & Company in Pekin, and in 1878, joined his father, John Velde, in the Smith Velde & Company, hardware dealers. In 1894, this firm was re-organized, as the Velde, Roelfs & Company, and Mr. Diedrich Velde continued in this business until his death in 1937.

Lena Herget Velde was the daughter of John Herget who is listed in an old Pekin directory as a member of the firm of J.& G. Herget, wholesale and retail dealers in general merchandise. Her son, Karl H. Velde of Chicago, writes in a letter dated January 24, 1950, "When I was in Europe in 1909 and 1913 we did not visit the town in East Friesland from which my paternal grandfather came. However, we did visit Hergetshausen, from which my maternal grandfather came. (Hergetshausen in near Darmstadt). J. Ernest Velde of Pekin remembers his mother as quiet and kindly, and quite expert at playing the piano.

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John Ernest Velde — Born July 4, 1882, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Alga Anderson, July 30, 1914.

Alga Anderson — Born July 3, 1888, South Chicago, Illinois.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. John Ernest Velde, 818 Washington Avenue, Pekin, Illinois.

Children: John Ernest Jr. and Ernestine Velde (she lived only five days).

Notes: John Ernest Velde, eldest son of Diedrich D. and Lena Herget Velde, attended the publi school in Pekin then entered the University of Illinois. A long illness following an attack of scarlet fever prevented his finishing here, and he later attended Brown's Business College in Peoria, Illinois. He joined his father in the Velde, Roelfs & Company and continues in that company as President and Treasurer today-1950. He traveled in Europe in 1910, and with his wife agai sailed for Europe May 23, 1950. After extensive travel in France, Belgium, and Germany, they visited Sweden, the native land of Mrs. Velde's people. Mr. Velde is president of the Lakeview Cemetery Association, and a member of the Pekin Country Club.

Alga Anderson was born in Chicago and attended Chicago public schools. Her father was a steel worker. She was secretary to Dean Vinson of the University of Chicago. She taught school in Glasgow, Montana, and in Pekin, Illinois.

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John Ernest Velde, Junior — Born June 15, 1917, Pekin, Illinois.

Christened September 16, 1917, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Shirley Walker, July 29, 1940, Dubuque, Iowa.

Shirley Walker — Born September 16, 1918, Naperville, Illinois.

Her parents are Sidney Vincent and Gladys Virginia Kroehler Walker.

Child: Drew Velde (Born June 11, 1946, Pekin, Illinois).

Address: Mr. and Mrs. John E. Velde, Junior, 415 Park Avenue, Pekin, Illinois.

Notes: John E. Velde, Junior, son of J. Ernest and Alga Anderson Velde, attended the Pekin Public Schools then entered the University of Illinois, graduating in 1938. He is a member of Kapp Sigma Scoial fraternity. He is currently engaged in the Industrial Supply Business as vice-President of the Velde, Roelfs & Company of Pekin, Illinois. War service.

# # #

Karl H. Velde Born November 2, 1898, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Helen Tinan, October 8, 1925, Peoria, Illinois.
Helen Tinan Born July 21, 1900, Peoria, Illinois.
Her parents are John F. and Mary Charvat Tinan. Their address: 211 North Maplewood Avenue, Peoria, Illinois.
Child: Karl H. Velde, Junior.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Karl H. Velde, 929 South Linden Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois.
Notes: Karl H. Velde is the youngest son of Dietrich D. and Lena Herget Velde.
Graduate: Pekin High School, 1916; University of Michigan, 1920, (Bachelor of Arts Degree); University of Michigan, 1924, (Backelor of Laws Degree).
College Fraternities: Phi Delta Theta and Phi Delta Phi (Law).
Employed: Merchants National Bank of Aurora, Illinois, July, 1924, to November, 1928. Chicago, Title and Trust Company, November, 1928, to date.
Member: Chicago, Illinois and American Bar Association; University Club of Chicago; Exmoor Country Club, Highland Park, Illinois; Student Army Training Corps at University of Michigan, 1918, and Honorable Discharge from United States Army, December, 1918.
Politics: Republican.
Helen Tinan Velde is a graduate of Bradley Polytechnic Institute (Academy) 1919, and Finch Junior College New York City, 1921-1922 (one Year).

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Karl H. Velde, Junior Born August 9, 1931, Evanston, Illinois.
Address: Mr. Karl H. Velde, Junior, 929 South Linden Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois.
Notes: Karl H. Velde, Junior, only child of Karl H. and Helen Tinan Velde, is a graduate of Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, Massachusetts, 1949, and is presently attending Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

# # # #

Katherine Velde Born 1858, Pekin, Illinois.
Married William C. Reuter.
Died 1900. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Children: Eugene, Walter, Theodore C., David G., Nell Agnes (Malone), Lillie (Perkins), and Paul B. Reuter.
Notes: Katherine Velde Reuter was the eldest daughter of John and Agnes Frey Velde.

Katherine Velde Reuter

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Eugene Reuter Born February 7, 1884, Hannibal, Missouri.
Married Iva V. Minnick, March 15, 1908, Union, Oregon.
Iva V. Minnick Born November 9,1887.
Her parents were John Wesley and Mary Minnick.
Children: Katie Vernon (Stewart), Henry, Leslie, and Raymond F. Reuter.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Reuter, Union, Oregon.
Notes: Eugene Reuter is the eldest child of Katherine Velde and William C. Reuter.

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Katie Vernon Reuter Born March 3, 1909.
Married -- Stewart.
Address: Mrs. Katie V. Stewart, Portland, Oregon.

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Henry Reuter Born November 26, 1910.
Address: Mr. Henry Reuter, Adrian, Oregon.

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Leslie Reuter Born January 31, 1912.
Address: C.W.O. Leslie Reuter, Fort Ord, California.

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Raymond F. Reuter Born April 15, 1917.
Notes: Killed in action April 17, 1945. War service.

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Walter Reuter, La Grande, Oregon
Note: Walter Reuter is a son of Katherine Velde and William C. Reuter.

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Theodore C. Reuter Born September 11, 1888, Stanberry, Missouri.
Address: Mr. Theodore C. Reuter, Box 145, Holbrook, Arizona.
Notes: Theodore C. Reuter is the son of Katherine Velde and William C. Reuter. He holds membership in the American Legion, the Elks Lodge and the Methodist Church of Holbrook, Arizona.

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David G. Reuter
Address: Mr. and Mrs. David G. Reuter, 41-69 Parsons Boulevard, Flusning-Long Island, New York.
Note: David G. Reuter is a son of Katherine Velde and William C. Reuter.

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Nell Agnes Reuter — Born January 22, 1891, Louisiana, Missouri.
Married Edward Malone May 27, 1922, Sanborn, Minnesota.
Edward Malone — Born June 28, 1879, Rochelle, Illinois.
Died November 10, 1945.
His parents were Patrick F. and Alice Gray Malone.
Address: Mrs. Edward Malone, 1879 South West Tenth Avenue, Portland, Oregon.
Children: No children of this marriage but at the time of this marriage Edward Malone was a widowe with an eighteen year old son. His first wife was deceased.

Notes: Nell Reuter Malone, daughter of Katherine Velde and William C. Reuter, Pekin, Illinois attended public schools in Pekin, Illinois, and in several towns in Oregon. She also attended Pacific College, Newberry, Oregon, Seattle Bible Training School, Seattle Washington, and studied and taught piano many years. She is a member of the Methodist Church. Edward Malone attended publi schools and a Military School in the State of Missouri. He was a member of the Masonic Order and the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a Traveling Auditor for the Northern Pacific Railway for thirty-seven years until his retirement.

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Lillie Reuter — Born March 15, 1893, Brookfield, Missouri.
Married Dr. John N. Perkins, September 14, 1916, Pekin, Illinois.
John N. Perkins, Dr. — Born February 13, 1892, Keokuk, Iowa.
His parents were Dr. Louis J. and Marietta Nelson Perkins.
Address: Dr. and Mrs. John N. Perkins, 940 South West Chestnut Street, Portland, Oregon.
Children: John R. and Joan (Harris) Perkins.

Notes: Lillie Reuter Perkins, daughter of Katherine Velde and William C. Reuter, is a graduat of Northern Idaho College of Education. She is a member of the League of Women Voters and the Methodist Church.

Dr. John N. Perkins is a graduate of the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, and the University of Minnesota Medical School. He is a member of Phi Beta Phi, American Board of Neurology, Mason and Sojourner, and the Methodist Church. War Service.

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John R. Perkins, Dr. — Born March 23, 1918, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Married Margaret Whitesell.
Children: Ann Isolde and Lois Elaine Perkins, twins born September 21, 1944, Hamilton, Ohio.
Address: Dr. and Mrs. John R. Perkins, Portland, Oregon.

Notes: John R. Perkins, son of Dr. John N. and Lillie Reuter Perkins, is a graduate of the Oregon State College and of the University of Minnesota Medical School. He is a member of the American Board of Pediatrics, Scabbard and Blade, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Chi. War service.

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Joan Perkins — Born July 14, 1920, New Ulm, Minnesota.
Married Robert W. Harris.
Children: Janet Kathleen (Born September 16, 1944, Helena, Montana), and Marguerite (Born April 10 1948, Le Grande, Oregon.) Harris.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Harris, Le Grande, Oregon.

Notes: Joan Perkins Harris, child of Lillie Reuter and Dr. John N. Perkins, is a graduate of the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi, the Methodist Church, and the P.T.A.

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Paul B. Reuter — Born September 5, 1899, Walla Walla, Washington.
Married Louise Falkin, July 7, 1936.
Louise Falkin — Born July 14, 1903.
Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Falkin, Pekin, Illinois.
Child: Rodney Jay Reuter (Born August 12, 1940).
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Reuter, 612 South Twelfth Street, Pekin, Illinois.

Notes: Paul B. Reuter, child of Katherine Velde and William C. Reuter, was educated in the Pekin Public Schools and has a Ph B degree from St. Louis College of Pharmacy. He is now working for Commonwealth Edison Company and is a Farm Manager.

Louise Falkin Reuter was educated in San Jose Public Schools. She holds a Ph B degree from Chicago University. a M.A. degree from Columbia University, New York, and studied at Theodore

Irvine School of Theater, New York. She taught Mathematics, Public Speaking and Drama at Pekin High School, Pekin, Illinois.

# # # #

Henry F. Velde Born December 14, 1860, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Zoa F. Anderson, May, 1895, Peoria, Illinois.
Died September 29, 1930, Peoria, Illinois. Buried October 1, 1930, Peoria, Illinois.
Zoa F. Anderson Born November 15, 1857, Peoria, Illinois.
Died April 2, 1943, Peoria, Illinois. Buried April 5, 1943, Peoria, Illinois.
Her parents were Horace G. and Melinda Arnold Anderson.
Child: Zoa Anderson Velde.

Notes: Henry F. Velde, fourth son of John and Agnes Frey Velde, received two years of his elementary school education in a small boarding school in northern Germany. He was a graduate of Pekin High School. He was a tenor singer and especially active in musical circles in Peoria. He sang in many of Peoria's churches and was a charter member of the Orpheus Club (Men's Choral Club). He was associated with P.A. Bergner Company for many years.

Zoa F. Anderson Velde graduated from Peoria High School and spent two years studying piano in Berlin, Germany. She taught piano, was active in musical circles, and played the organ in the churches of Peoria. She was a member of the Peoria Women's Club and the Amateur Musical Club.

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Zoa Anderson Velde Born November 17, 1896, Peoria, Illinois.
Address: Miss Zoa A. Velde, 107 Bigelow, Peoria, Illinois.

Notes: Zoa A. Velde, daughter of Henry F. and Zoa Anderson Velde, is a graduate of Peoria High School and the University of Chicago. She is employed as Executive Secretary of Peoria County Tuberculosis Association and is a member of the Peoria Altrusa Club and the American Association of University Women.

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Emma H. Velde Born October 1, 1863, Pekin, Illinois.
Christened in the Methodist Church.
Married Peter Anton Bergner, October 13, 1886, Pekin, Illinois.
Died May 2, 1941, Peoria, Illinois.
Peter Anton Bergner Born December 1, 1862, Leer, East Friesland.
Died December 1, 1926. Buried-Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, Illinois.
His parents were Carl William and Hilka Bonk Bergner.
Children: Aaron Henry, Mary Lou (Born and died 1888), John Velde, Amanda Margaret, and Emily Bergner.

Notes: Emma Velde Bergner, second daughter of John and Agnes Frey Velde, was educated in the Pekin schools. During her forty years of marriage, she devoted her life to her family, and outlived her husband by only fifteen years. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Peter Anton Bergner came to this country at the age of eight years and settled in Illinois. As a young man he clerked in Freeport, Illinois, and in Pekin, Illinois, where he learned the rudiments of the mercantile life he followed. His first venture in Peoria was in 1889. He had no money, but borrowed five thousand dollars, and opened a store in the new four story Woolner Building at Cedar and Adams Streets. After a year he moved to 119 South Adams Street. Here he was first associated with Potter & Kussworm under the firm name of Bergner Potter & Company. Later Mr. Potter and Mr. Kussworm withdrew and Mr. Harnard and Mr. Von Mauer joined with Mr. Bergner under the firm name of Harnard, Bergner & Von Mauer. Some years later Mr. Bergner purchased his partners' interests in the store and changed the firm name to P.A. Bergner & Company. He was in business thirty-seven years-until his death in 1926.

Mr. Bergner organized the Illinois Retail Dry Goods Merchants Association. He was a director of the Retail Merchants' Association; Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Proctor Hospital; President of the County Tuberculosis Association; Charter member of Neighborhood House, and a member of the Board for fourteen years; and was affiliated with the Community Fund. During the first World War he was one of a number of merchants from all over the country summoned to Washington, D.C. to confer on American Mercantile conditions. He was a member of the Universalist Church, the Country Club of Peoria, the Creve Coeur Club, and the Masonic bodies, including the Consistory and Mohammed Temple.

# # #

Aaron Henry Bergner Born July 23, 1887, Freeport, Illinois.
Married Ilma Hunter, December 31, 1909, Peoria, Illinois.
Died September 23, 1941, Peoria, Illinois.
Children: Aaron Hunter, Richard, and William (died in infancy) Bergner.

Notes: Aaron Bergner, eldest son of P.A. and Emma Velde Bergner, attended a Military School at Alton, Illinois, then entered business with his father and was merchandise man in the firm. He was a member of the Creve Coeur Club of Peoria, Illinois.

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Aaron Hunter Bergner — Born November 17, 1910.
Married Elizabeth Chattin, November 29, 1934.
Child: Aaron Hunter Bergner, Junior
Notes: Aaron Hunter Bergner is the eldest son of Aaron Henry and Ilma Hunter Bergner.

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Richard Bergner — Born May, 1912.
Married Marjorie Ricketts, August 17, 1946, Las Vegas, New Mexico.
Children: Adele and Sandra Bergner.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bergner, Las Vegas, New Mexico.
Notes: Richard Bergner is the second son of Aaron Henry and Ilma Hunter Bergner.

# # #

John Velde Bergner — Born June 22, 1890, Peoria, Illinois.
Married Viola Steinlauf, October 29, 1919, Chicago, Illinois.
Died April 11, 1938, Peoria, Illinois.
Child: Mary Elizabeth (Hagler) Bergner - adopted.
Notes: John Velde Bergner, second son of P.A. and Emma Velde Bergner attended Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana. He then entered business with his father and became president of the P.A. Bergner & Company firm after the death of his father. He was a member of the Masonic bodies and the Creve Coeur Club in Peoria, Illinois.

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Mary Elizabeth Bergner — Born March 8, 1923.
Married Alvin Lee Hagler, March 18, 1944.
Children: Mary Joy and Martha Jean Hagler.
Notes: Mary Elizabeth Bergner Hagler is the only child of John Velde and Viola Steinlauf Bergner.

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Amanda Margaret Bergner — Born January 20, 1895, Peoria, Illinois.
Address: Miss Margaret Bergner, 217 North Underhill, Peoria, Illinois.
Notes: Amanda Margaret Bergner, second daughter of P.A. and Emma Velde Bergner, attended St. Mary's School at Knoxville, Illinois, and Washington College, Washington, D.C.

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Emily Bergner — Born December 7, 1899, Peoria, Illinois.
Address: Miss Emily Bergner, 217 North Underhill, Peoria, Illinois.
Notes: Emily Bergner, third daughter of P.A. and Emma Velde Bergner, attended St. Katherine's School, Davenport, Iowa.

# # # #

Frederick Velde — Born 1870, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Annette (Nettie) Ruhaak.
Died January 11, 1902. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Annette Ruhaak — Born Pekin, Illinois.
Married second Richard Roelfs.
Her parents were Garrett G. and Annette Ruhaak. They are buried in Lakeside Cemetery, near Frederick Velde.
Notes: Frederick Velde was the fifth son of John and Agnes Frey Velde. He was in business with his father but his early death at thirty-two years cut short this promising career.

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Rudolph Velde — Born February 14, 1873, Pekin, Illinois.
Died October, 1947. Buried-Lakeside Memorial Mausoleum, Pekin, Illinois.
Notes: Rudolph Velde, the sixth son of John and Agnes Frey Velde, was engaged in the General Insurance Business for a number of years in Pekin, Illinois. Later he was associated with Velde, Roelfs & Company. He was a member of the Grace Methodist Church, the Pekin Country Club, and the Tazewell Club, all of Pekin, Illinois.

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Frank Alfred Velde — Born April 29, 1881, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Anna Matilda Koch, October 4, 1905, Pekin, Illinois.
Died January 3, 1949. Buried January 6, 1949, Lakeside Memorial Mausoleum, Pekin, Illinois.
Anna Matilda Koch — Born March 14, 1880, Pekin, Illinois.
Died September 3, 1947. Buried September 6, 1947, Lakeside Memorial Mausoleum, Pekin, Illinois.
Her parents were Otto and Ida Sperry Koch.
Children: Idaleen (Bergstresser) and Frederick James Velde.
Notes: Frank A. Velde, seventh son of John and Agnes Frey Velde, was employed at the Corn Products Refining Company, Pekin, Illinois, for thirty-eight years-1908-1946. At the time of his

retirement he was superintendent of this plant. He was a member of the Elks, Tazewell Club, and Pekin Country Club. He served for two years after retirement on the Board of Review for Tazewell County, Illinois.

Anna Koch Velde was a life long member of the Pekin Women's Club. She was a member of St. Paul' Episcopal Church and St. Mary's Guild of the Church. She was extremely active in the social affairs of the city.

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Idaleen Velde Born October 14, 1907, Pekin, Illinois.

Married John Lot Bergstresser, June 28, 1930, Pekin, Illinois.

John Lot Bergstresser Born June 3, 1903, Pekin, Illinois.

His parents were Fred Lot and Ameli Kraeger Bergstresser.

Children: Richard Velde (Born May 25, 1934, Madison, Wisconsin), Ann (Born August 7, 1938, Madison, Wisconsin), and Kenneth Velde (Born June 23, 1944, New York City, New York,) Bergstresser.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. John Lot Bergstresser, 114 Garden Lane, Garden Village, San Francisco, Cal.

Notes: Idaleen Velde Bergstresser, daughter of Frank A. and Anna Matilda Koch Velde, attended Bradley College, Peoria, Illinois, and the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. Her sorority was Delta Kappa at Bradley and Alpha Xi Delta at Wisconsin.

John Lot Bergstresser holds B.A. and Ph D degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. His fraternity is Alpha Tau Omega and his university honors are many: He is a Phi Beta Kappa; he received the Kenneth Sterling Day Award for Character, Athletics, Ability, Activities and Scholarship; he was president of the Senior Class and his athletic achievements were in Track and Cross Country. He is listed in "Who's Who". For a number of years he was Assistant Dean of Students, University of Chicago, and is now Dean of Students at San Francisco State College, San Francisco, California.

# # #

Frederick James Velde Born July 21, 1917, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Elaine Fonville, April 8, 1944, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Military wedding at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma.

Elaine Fonville Born April 28, 1920, Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Her parents are Howard and Zada Lane Fonville.

Children: Frederick Paul (Born December 19, 1946, Pekin, Illinois,) and Frank Fonville (Born September 4, 1949, Peoria, Illinois,) Velde.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Velde, 1003 South Fifth Street, Pekin, Illinois.

Notes: Frederick James Velde, son of Frank A. and Anna Matilda Koch Velde, attended the elementary schools of Pekin and is a graduate of Pekin High School. He was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1940, with a P.H.B. degree. His fraternity is Phi Delta Theta. He is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Pekin Country Club, and the Tazewell Club, Pekin, Illinois. He has been employed since 1945 by the Keystone Steel & Wire Company at Peoria, Illinois. He began on November 5, 1945, as Assistant Sales Director, was promoted September 1, 1946, to Wisconsin Representative for Keystone, and again was promoted May 15, 1947, to Industrial Sales Director, the position which he now holds, with offices at the Company headquarter in Bartonville, Illinois. War Service.

Elaine Fonville Velde graduated from the Ardmore, Oklahoma, schools then attended the Oklahoma A.& M. College, Stillwater, Oklahoma, two years. Before her marriage she was a Dental Technicar in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and during the war she was Secretary to the Dental Surgeon, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, Mrs. Velde is a member of the Grace Methodist Church, Pekin, Illinois.

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Agnes Velde Born Pekin, Illinois.

Married William P. Herget, Pekin, Illinois.

William P. Herget

Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

His father was George Herget.

Address: Mrs. William P. Herget, 725 Park Avenue, Pekin, Illinois.

Notes: Agnes Velde Herget is the third daughter of John and Agnes Frey Velde. Since the death of her husband she has been President and a member of the Board of Directors of the Herget National Bank of Pekin. William P. Herget with his father, George Herget, and his brother, H.G. Herget, founded the private bank, George Herget and Sons, in 1905. In 1910 this bank was changed to a National Bank under the name of the Herget National Bank of Pekin. William P. Herget was President of this Institution at the time of his death. The bank is located at 362 Court Street, Pekin, Illinois.

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Louise Velde is the youngest daughter of John and Agnes Frey Velde. She resides in the family home at 812 North Capitol Street, Pekin, Illinois.

FOELKE THEESHEN van der VELDE

BORN JUNE 5, 1792, NETHERLANDS.
MARRIED CONRAD H. SMITH (KOONRAAD HINDERK SMID) 1814.
BURIED-HAMSWEHRUM, EAST FRIESLAND.
CONRAD H. SMITH
BORN 1789, NETHERLANDS
DIED 1850, PEKIN, ILLINOIS.
BURIED-LAKESIDE CEMETERY, PEKIN, ILLINOIS.

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This Excerpt from the death and burial records of the Evangelical-Reformed Church, Hamswehrum, East Friesland: Year, 1822, page 102. "Kristina Koenraads at the age of almost seventy-eight years widow of the late Hinderks Smid. Died January 21." Excerpt made October 16, 1950, Behrends, Pastor. The names indicate that these were the parents of Conrad H. Smith as his name before translation into English was Koonraad Hinderk Smid. Then we note that he and his wife named their second child Kristina.

Children: Trientje, Kristina, and Hinderk Smid (Smith).

Notes: Little is known today of Foelke van der Velde, third child of Tees Carsjen and Tryntje Dirks van der Velde. A complete account of Conrad H. Smith is given in the chapter on Margaret van der Velde-Smith Family.

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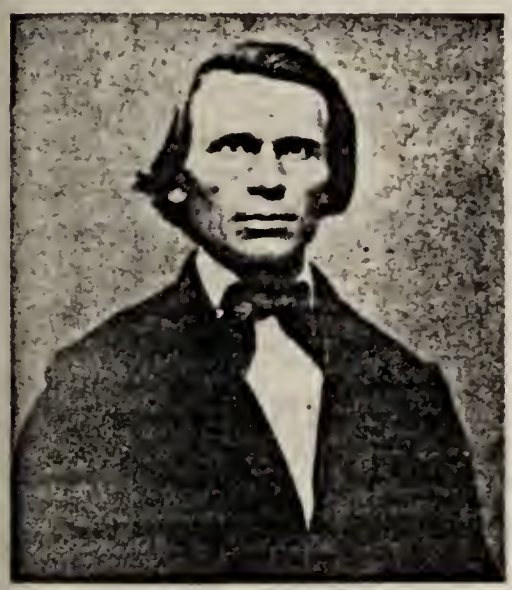

Luppe Luppen

Trientje Smith
- Born July 18, 1815.
- Baptized July 23, 1815.
- Married first Peter Luppen, East Friesland.
- Married second Luppe Luppen, East Friesland.
- Died December 4, 1882.
- Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Ill.

Peter Luppen - Died in East Friesland.

Luppe Luppen
- Born August 20, 1825, East Friesland.
- Married second Trientje Roelfs Velde, widow of Henry Velde.
- Died June 27, 1908. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Child of Trientje Smith and Peter Luppen: Susana (Justa) Luppen (van der Velde).

Trientje Smith Luppen

Children of Trientje Smith and Luppe Luppen: Konrad (1843-1850), Peter (1846-1850), Kea Speaker, foster child-(1848-1858), Margaretha (1849-1850), Louis (1851), Peter (1855-1856), and Conrad Luppen.

Notes: Trientje (Catherine) Smith Luppen, eldest child of Trientje van der Velde and Conrad H. Smith, came to Pekin in 1849 or 1850. After the death of her first husband, Peter Luppen, in East Friesland she had married his younger brother, Luppe Luppen. As Peter Luppen did not come to America, no information concerning him is obtainable at this date--one hundred years later. The tragic deaths of their three small children, one on June 29, and two on June 30, 1850, and their burial in Lakeside Cemetery occured soon after Trientje and Luppe Luppen's arrival in Pekin, Illinois.

In 1850, Luppe Luppen joined his brothers-in-law, Teis and Henry Smith, in the T.& H. Smith & Company, wagon makers of Pekin, Illinois, as superintendent of the Machine department. He invented an improved axle for the wagons which made them among the finest built. The large number of machines of all the different patterns and varieties for which the Smith shop was noted, were either the invention of Mr. Luppen or had been improved by him. He was president of the Pekin Plow Company, formed in 1876, to manufacture and sell an improved plow invented by Luppe Luppen. When advanced in years Mr. Luppen still worked out his designs for better plows, in iron on his own forge, and tried out the products of his factory on his farm near Pekin. He was also a member of the T. Smith and Company, Banking Firm. His father, Peter O. Luppen and his mother, Justa Luppen, are buried beside their grandchildren, Trientje and Luppe Luppen's children, in Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

# # # #

Susana Luppen — Born February 13, 1841, Hamswehrum, East Friesla

Married Habbe van der Velde, September 21, 1859.

Died March 16, 1910. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Note: For the Susana Luppen-Habbe van der Velde lineage see Karsjen Theesen van der Velde family

# # # #

Conrad Luppen — Born December 6, 1851, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Rosella Barnes.

Buried February 10, 1941, Washelli, Seattle, Washington.

Rosella Barnes — Born August 22, 1854, Lewistown, Illinois.

Buried June 2, 1938, Washelli, Seattle, Washington.

Her parents were Elijah Barnes, born November 21, 1824, Adams County, Ohio, and Mary Jane Coleman Barnes, born July 4, 1831, Ohio, died January 11, 1920.

Children: Mary Justina (Rogers), Luppe Barnes Luppen, and a daughter, born and died January 11, 1

Notes: Conrad Luppen, youngest child of Trientje Smith and Luppe Luppen, was educated in th Pekin Schools. He joined his father in the T.& H. Smith Company and followed this occupation for many years. He was a member of the Board of School Inspectors in 1895, Pekin, Illinois, and was treasurer of the Pekin Library Association for several years.

# # #

Mary Justina Luppen — Born September 21, 1881, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Edgar Martin Rogers, July 8, 1909, Tacoma, Washington. Lived in Port Angeles, Washington, one year.

Edgar Martin Rogers — Born August 19, 1874, Huntington, Long Island, N

Deceased

His parents were William Edgar Rogers, born Lloyd's Neck (peninsula) November 6, 1840, and Jennie Louise Martin Rogers, born June 20, 1849.

Address: Mrs. Mary Luppen Rogers, 3852 East Olive, Seattle 22, Washington.

Mailing address: 1126 Grand Avenue, Seattle 22, Washington.

Children: John Luppen and Peter Hawley Rogers.

Notes: Mary Justina Luppen Rogers is the eldest child of Conrad and Rosella Barnes Luppen. Her husband, Edgar Martin Rogers, was an Episcopal Clergyman.

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John Luppen Rogers — Born September 7, 1912, Everett, Washington.

Married Harriet Anne Roberts.

Harriet Anne Roberts — Born May 15, 1911, Stockton, California.

Her parents are Arthur F. Roberts, born New York, and Clara Bell Hamilton Roberts, born Watsonville, California.

Children: Thomas Martin (Born February 15, 1945) and John Hamilton (Born October 4, 1947,) Rogers.

Address: Mrs. and Mr. John L. Rogers, 1126 Grand Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Notes: John Luppen Rogers, eldest son of Mary Luppen and Edgar M. Rogers, is a graduate of University of Oregon School of Architecture and is a liscensed Architect, State of Washington. He is a member of the Theta Chi Fraternity, the Sons of the Revolution, the Lions Club, and a Vestryman of the Episcopal Church. He is Associate Architect with Young & Richardson, Seattle, Washington.

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Peter Hawley Rogers — Born August 3, 1915, Spokane, Washington.

Married first Olive Leona Niles, September 18, 1937, divorced 1940.

Married second Dorothy Livingston August, 1941.

Olive Leona Niles — Born 1916, Vancouver, Washington.

Her parents are William Niles, born in Canada, and Delia Fillner Niles, born in Minnesota.

Dorothy Livingston

Her father is Henry Livingston, Everett, Washington. Her mother died 1934, Everett, Washingt

Child of Peter and Olive Niles Rogers: William Peter Rogers (Born October 14, 1938, Everett, Wash

Children of Peter and Dorothy Livingston Rogers: Peter Hawley, Junior (Born October 14, 1943, Ever Washington), John Paul (Born 1946; died at three months), Mary Louise (Born August, 1948, died December, 1948), and Henry Thomas (Born April 10, 1950) Rogers.

Notes: Peter Hawley Rogers, second son of Mary Luppen and Edgar Rogers, works for Standard Oil of California. He has completed a course in Mechanical Engineering.

# # #

Luppe Barnes Luppen — Born July 5, 1883, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Florette Hodgdon. Died October 25, 1944, Sacremento, California.

Florette Hodgdon — Born November 23, 1884, Sacremento, California.

Her parents were Florenee Eliza Todhunter and Thomas Granville Hodgdon.

Address: Mrs. Luppe B. Luppen, 1054 Thirty-eighth Street, Sacremento, California.

Children: Jeanne (Bishop), Luppe Hodgdon, Peter Atkinson, and Florette (Reed) Luppen.
Notes: Luppe Barnes Luppen, second child of Conrad and Rosella Barnes Luppen, was graduated from Cornell University, Ithica, New York, with a B.A. degree. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi. fraternity. Florette Hodgdon-Luppen graduated from the department of Romance Languages of Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, in 1907. She is a member of Alphi Phi sorority.

# #

Jeanne Luppen — Born March 14, 1911.
Married Max W. Schmidt-Bishop May 29, 1941.
Died January 12, 1944.
Max W. Schmidt-Bishop
His parents are Julius and Cecelia Schmidt, Gravett, Arkansas.
Notes: Jean Luppen Bishop, eldest child of Luppe B. and Florette Hodgdon Luppen, received a B.S. degree in 1932, from the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.

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Luppe Hodgdon Luppen — Born October 24, 1912, Sacremento, California.
Married Kate Rowley Ridgway.
Kate Rowley Ridgway — Born October 19, 1913, Los Angeles, California.
Her parents are Grace Rowley and Thomas C. Ridgway.
Children: Gwendolyn R. (Died March 1943), Luppe Ridgway (Born January 17, 1943), and Kathie Ridgway (Born August 26, 1944) Luppen.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Luppe H. Luppen, 420 North McCaddon Place, Los Angeles 41, California.
Notes: Luppe Hodgdon Luppen, second child of Luppe Barnes and Florette Hodgdon Luppen, attended New Mexico Military Academy, 1928-1930; Stanford University, 1930-1934; Beta Theta Phi. His business is Metal Products Company, Los Angeles, California. War service.

# #

Peter Atkinson Luppen — Born July 11, 1914, Sacremento, California.
Married Floy Smith Plunkett.
Floy Smith Plunkett — Born January 25, 1920, Little Rock, Arkansas.
Her parents are Floy Smith and Ralph Plunkett, Little Rock, Arkansas.
Children: Floy Jeanne (Born October 12, 1943, Little Rock, Arkansas,) and Eliza (Born May 30, 1948, Palo Alto, California,) Luppen.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Luppen, 2628 Cedar Street, Bakersfield, California.
Notes: Peter Atkinson Luppen, third child of Luppe Barnes and Florette Hodgdon Luppen, attended New Mexico Military Academy, 1929; Stanford University, 1931-1935; University of California, at Davis, California, 1937-1938. Took two years of Education at Stanford University, 1946-1948; Ph.D. June, 1948. Teaching at Kern County Union High, Bakersfield, California. War service.

# #

Florette Luppen — Born March 1, 1921, Sacremento, California.
Married Stephen Reed.
Stephen Reed — Born November 27, 1913, Oregon, Illinois.
His parents are Katherine Condron and Joseph F. Reed, Holleysdayburg, Pennsylvania.
Children: Stephen Luppen and Donald Luppen Reed.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Reed, Oregon, Illinois.
Notes: Florette Luppen Reed, youngest child of Luppe Barnes and Florette Hodgdon Luppen, graduated in June, 1942, from the University of California, at Berkeley, California. Her sorority is Alphi Phi.

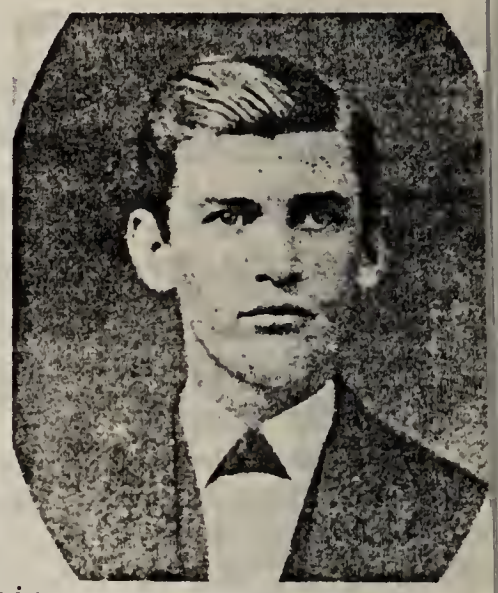
# # # # #

Henry Smith (Hinderks Smid)
Excerpt from the birth and baptism record, Evangelical-Reformed Church, Hamswehrum, East Friesland: Year 1822, page 68. Name of child Hinderk. Day of birth March 4; day of baptism March 12, 1822. Names of parents Koenraad Hinderks Smid and Foelke Theeshen van der Velde, his wife. Confirmed, 1842. Excerpt made Hamswehrum, October 16, 1950.
Married Antje B. Look
Died March 5, 1859. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Antje B. Look — Born January 9, 1828.
Died January 15, 1861. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Children: Conrad H., Bonne H. (1856-1857), and Anna H. (Fitzgerald) Smith.
Notes: Henry Smith was the third child of Foelke van der Velde and Conrad H. Smith. Henry and his half brother, Teis Smith, were the first of the Conrad H. Smith family to migrate to America. They came to St. Louis by way of New Orleans, in the spring of 1848, and obtained employment there. A year later Teis' parents, Margaretha van der Velde and Conrad H. Smith, his brothers and sisters joined Teis and Henry in St. Louis. They all then removed to Peoria, Illinois, and two months later located in Pekin, Illinois. Here all of them remained so long as they lived. Henry, Teis, and

Frederick Smith purchased a small shop and formed the firm of F.& H. Smith and Company, wagon makers. Henry Smith's early death at thirty-seven years prevented his enjoying the fulfillment of the three young brothers' plans. But his active participation during the first ten years of the firm's existence was a vital part of the unusual success of this manufacturing company.

# # # #

Conrad H. Smith Born February 2, 1853, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Emma Herget, about 1875.
Died September 14, 1889. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Emma Herget Born 1859.
Died February 14, 1910, Pekin, Illinois. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Children: Minnie (Van Osdol) and Emma Smith (1879-1915).
Notes: Conrad H. Smith, eldest child of Henry and Antje B. Look Smith, was gifted with musical ability, playing the piano with unusual skill.


Conrad Smith

# # #

Minnie Smith Born February 21,1877, Pekin, Illinois.
Married William Van Osdol, July 26, 1894, Pekin, Illinois.
Died May 27, 1924, Greenview, Illinois. Buried-Greenview, Illinois.
William Van Osdol Born January 15, 1875, Pekin, Illinois.
Died December 9, 1946, Rockford, Illinois. Buried-Greenview, Illinois.
His parents were Theodore and Deliah Park Van Osdol.
Children: William Harold, Ruth Ernestine (Preston), and Richard Van Osdol.
Notes: Minnie Smith Van Osdol was the eldest child of Conrad H. and Emma Herget Smith.

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William Van Osdol

Harold Van Osdol Born March 26, 1895, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Minnie Schultz, July 26, 1919, Greenview, Illinois.
Died April 15, 1943, Michigan City, Indiana. Buried-Michigan City, Indiana.
Minnie Schultz Born September 12, 1890, Michigan City, Indiana.
Her father was Gustav Schultz from Germany.
Address: Mrs. Harold Van Osdol, Michigan City, Indiana.
Child: John Van Osdol
Notes: Harold Van Osdol, eldest child of Minnie Smith and William Van Osdol, attended school at Pekin, Illinois, and Greenview, Illinois. He served in World War I.

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John Van Osdol
Born June 6, 1920, Greenview, Illinois.
Address: Mr. John Van Osdol, Michigan City, Indiana.
Notes: John Van Osdol is the only child of Harold and Minnie Schultz Van Osdol.

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Ruth Ernestine Van Osdol
Born December 22, 1899, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Elbert Allan Preston, February 14, 1917, Petersburg, Illinois.
Elbert Allan Preston
Born April 27, 1894, Wilbur, Nebraska.
His parents are Frank and Clara Parks Preston.
Child: Robert A. Preston.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Elbert A. Preston, Greenview, Illinois.
Notes: Ruth Ernestine Van Osdol Preston, second child of Minnie Smith and William Van Osdol, attended school at Pekin, Illinois, and Greenview, Illinois. She is interested in music, and in church work in the St. John Evangelical Church at Greenview.

John Van Osdol

Ruth Ernestine Van Osdol Preston

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Robert A. Preston Born December 15, 1926, Greenview, Illinois.
Address: Mr. Robert A. Preston, R.R. 2, Greenview, Illinois.
Notes: Robert A. Preston is the only child of Ruth Ernestine Van Osdol, and Elbert Allan Preston. War Service.

# #

Richard Van Osdol Born October 21, 1900, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Marie Barnett, August 9, 1919, Greenview, Illinois
Marie Barnett Born March 7, 1900, Greenview, Illinois.
Her parents are Alvin and Demarius Barnett.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Van Osdol, Greenview, Ill.
Children: Richard Jr., and Billy Alberta (Blough) Van Osdol.
Notes: Richard Van Osdol is the third child of Minnie Smith and William Van Osdol. He is now working for the G.M.O. Railroad.

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Richard Van Osdol, Jr. Born June 14, 1920, Greenview, Ill.
Married Violet Olinger, August 10, 1940, Decatur, Ill.
Violet Olinger Born October 25, 1920, Newton, Illinois.
Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olinger.
Child: Marsha Kay Van Osdol (Born January 25, 1945, Peoria, Ill.)
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Van Osdol, Junior, 225 Rohman Avenue, Peoria, Illinois.
Notes: Richard Van Osdol, Jr. is the eldest child of Richard and Marie Barnett Van Osdol. He is presently employed as Sales Manager for the Williams Company, of Peoria, Illinois.

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Billy Alberta Van Osdol Born October 4, 1923, Greenview, Illinois.
Married Milton Blough, May 20, 1944, Springfield, Illinois.
Milton Blough Born September 12, 1923, Kankakee, Illinois.
His parents are Earl Blaine and Josephine Blough.
Children: Dicky (Born April 8, 1945, Greenview, Illinois) and Rebecca Ann Blough (Born August 14, 1950, Greenview, Illinois.)
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Milton Blough, Greenview, Illinois.
Notes: Billy Alberta Van Osdol Blough is the youngest child of Richard and Marie Barnett Van Osdol.

# # # #

Anna H. Smith Born November 17, 1859, Pekin, Ill.
Married John James Fitzgerald, Pekin, Illinois.
Died August 28, 1903, Grayton Beach, Florida.
Buried-Eucheanna Valley Church, near De Funiak, Florida.
John James Fitzgerald Born January 5, 1856, Millerburg, Ky.
Died July 31, 1926, Poley, Alabama.
Buried De Funiak Springs, Florida.
His parents were John James and Isabelle Wallace Fitzgerald.
Children: Isabelle (Hathaway), Katherine (Shepard), John Wallace, Anna (Simpson), Ruth (Thigpen), Henry Paul, and Donald Campbell Fitzgerald.
Notes: Anna H. Smith Fitzgerald was the third child of Henry and Anna Look Smith.

Anna Smith Fitzgerald

# # #

Isabelle Fitzgerald Born December 1, 1880, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
Married Lorenzo Dow Hathaway, August 22, 1905, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
Lorenzo Dow Hathaway Born October 14, 1872.
Died January 23, 1942.
His parents were James and Sarah Jane Register Hathaway.
Address: Mrs. Lorenzo D. Hathaway, Brooksville, Florida.
Children: Anna (Guilick) and Isabelle (Lewis) Hathaway.
Notes: Isabelle Fitzgerald is the eldest child of Anna Smith and John Fitzgerald. Her husband Lorenzo Dow Hathaway was principal of the Brooksville, Florida High School from 1905-1915. He then became a columnist on the Brooksville paper and continued in this work until his death.

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Anne Hathaway, eldest child of Isabelle Fitzgerald and Lorenzo Dow Hathaway, married — Guilick and resides in Traverse City, Michigan. They have four children.

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Isabelle Hathaway second child of Isabelle Fitzgerald and Lorenzo Dow Fitzgerald, married — Lewis and resides in Brooksville, Florida.

# # #

Katherine Fitzgerald
Born August 3, 1881, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.
Married William Thrower Shepard, November 7, 1901, De Funiak Springs, Florida.
William Thrower Shepard
Died 1914, Poley, now Opp, Alabama.
Address: Mrs. William T. Shepard, Pinehollow, Opp, Alabama.
Children: Vandella (Jones) and Anna (van Deur) twins, Katherine (Moelus) and William Thrower Junior (1909-1929) Shepard.

Notes: Katherine Fitzgerald Shepard, second daughter of Anna Smith and John J. Fitzgerald, has twice been the subject of articles written by Thomas J. Foley, INS Staff Writer. She has the distinction of being the only resident in the ghost town of Poley, Alabama. Poley was a lumber mill town and Mr. Shepard was manager and co-owner with Mrs. Shepard's father, John J. Fitzgerald, of the Berry Lumber Company at Poley. Mr. Shepard died in 1914 and the Lumber Company died with him. The people left and the buildings were moved to Opp nearby until Mrs. Shepard was left living alone in the huge mansion her husband built for her when she came to Poley as a bride. It is a beautiful rambling old mansion almost hidden from view, situated on the thousand acre plantation which belongs to it, and here Katherine Fitagerald Shepard spins her dreams into poetry. Twenty years ago she published her first volume of poetry Farther Fairer Seas. She will re-publish this volume very soon with several added poems. She also has two other volumes ready to publish. These are: Manna Tree and My Happiness Quilt (Child Verse).

Katherine Fitzgerald Shepard.

# #

Vandella Shepard Born August 28, 1902.
Married Jerome Jones, Junior, August 28, 1922, Poley, Alabama.
Deceased.
Jerome Jones Junior, deceased. His parents were Jerome and Josephine Corley Jones. Both are deceas
Child: Joanna (Hays) Jones.

Notes: Vandella Shepard Jones, daughter of Katherine Fitzgerald and William Thrower Shepard, attended Huntington College, Montgomery, Alabama, and Judson College, Marion, Alabama. Her husband Jerome Jones Jr. was a graduate of the University of Georgia and a well known lawyer in Atlanta, Georgia, before his death.

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Joanna Jones is married to Jonathan E. Hays. His mother is Mrs. Artie Baugh of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. War service.

# #

Anna Shepard
Born August 28, 1902.
Married George van Deur, 1923, Pensacola, Fla.
George van Deur
Born 1901, Portland, Oregon.
His parents are natives of Denmark, Island of Fyn.
Children: Sally and Katherine van Deur.
Address: Captain and Mrs. George van Deur, U.S. Navy

Notes: Anna Shepard van Deur is a daughter of Katherine Fitzgerald and William T. Shepard. She and her family are residing somewhere in Europe at the present time.

# #

Katherine Shepard
Born November 27, 1904.
Married Rear Admiral L.A. Moelus, November 27, 1922, Poley, Alabama.

Anna Shepard van Deur, in background van Deur mansion, Fyn Island, Denmark. October, 1950.

Address: Rear Admiral and Mrs. L.A. Moelus, Quarters A, Air Force Base, Alemeda, California.
Children: Katherine (Cook) and Franklin Moelus.
Notes: Katherine Shepard Moelus is a daughter of Katherine Fitzgerald and W.T. Shepard. War service.

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Katherine Moelus — Born 1923, Norfolk, Virginia.
Married Lieutenant Cook of the Air Force.
Notes: Katherine Moelus Cook is the only daughter of Katherine Shepard and L.A. Moelus. She and their three children are residing in Japan where Lieutenant Cook is on duty. War service.

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Franklin Moleus — Born December, 1932, Pensacola, Florida.
Notes: Franklin Moleus is the only son of Katherine Shepard and L.A. Moelus. He is a first year Midshipman at Annapolis, Baltimore, Maryland.

# #

William Thrower Shepard Junior — Born August 4, 1909, Poley, Alabama.
Died 1929, Auburn, Alabama.
Note: William Thrower Shepard was the youngest child of Katherine Fitzgerald and J. William T. Shepard. He was killed at Auburn while attending the University there.

# # #

John Wallace Fitzgerald — Born September 1, 1883, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
Married Henrietta Dans, Denver, Colorado.
Died 1940, Baltimore, Maryland. Buried Denver, Colorado.
Notes: John W. Fitzgerald, son of Anna Smith and John Fitzgerald, left a large estate to be divided among his sisters and brothers, after the death of his widow. Each legatee received $20,000 cash and a large collection of bonds.

# # #

Anna Fitzgerald — Born June 2, 1889, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
Married Charles H. Simpson, June 23, 1915, Poley, Alabama.
Charles H. Simpson's parents were Ezekel E. and Suzan G. Overman Simpson.
Children: Charles Fitzgerald (Born March 20, 1918), Donald Lee, and Suzanne (Born February 17,1923,) Simpson.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Simpson, "Arcadia" R.R. 4, Milton, Florida.
Notes: Anna Fitzgerald is the fourth child of Anna Smith and J.J. Fitzgerald.

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Donald Lee Simpson — Born March 18, 1921.
Killed in action in Belgium, December 18, 1944. War Service.

# # #

Ruth Fitzgerald — Born October 19, 1894, De Funiak Springs, Florida.
Married Lane Liviticus Thigpen, February 23, 1918, Poley, Alabama.
Lane Liviticus Thigpin — Born August 26, 1888, Minningham, Alabama.
His parents were Wiley Gray and Sarah Frances Brown Thigpen.
Children: Lane Fitzgerald and Henry Smith Thigpen.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Lane L. Thigpen, 401 North Eighth Street, Gadsden, Alabama.
Notes: Ruth Fitzgerald Thigpen is the daughter of Anna Smith and J.J. Fitzgerald.

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Lane Fitzgerald Thigpen — Born November 6, 1920, Poley, Alabama.
Note: He received a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama, class of 1942. He is now employed as a construction engineer with the Alabama Power Company. War Service.

# #

Henry Smith Thigpen — Born October 19, 1922, Poley, Alabama.
Notes: He received a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama, class of 1943. War service.

# # #

Henry Paul Fitzgerald — Born May 26, 1892.
Married Bena Rhodes, January 3, 1917, Greenville, Alabama.
Died June 1, 1947. Buried-Opp, Alabama.
Bena Rhodes — Born January 17, 1895, Greenville, Alabama.
Her parents are John A. and Henry Estelle Smith Rhodes.
Child: John Paul Fitzgerald.
Address: Mrs. Henry Paul Fitzgerald, 201 Oak Street, Milton, Florida.
Notes: Henry Paul Fitzgerald, son of Anna Smith and J.J. Fitzgerald, was in the lumber business all his life.

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John Paul Fitzgerald, son of Henry P. and Bena Fitzgerald, is a student at Starke University School Montgomery, Alabama.

# # #

Donald Campbell Fitzgerald Born March 13, 1897, De Funiak Springs, Florida.
Married Willie Gladys King, September 4, 1927, Troy, Alabama.
Willie Gladys King Born January 1, 1902, Union Springs, Alabama.
Her parents were Thomas Jefferson and Violetta Deloach King.
Children: Donald Campbell Junior and Gilbert Scotland Fitzgerald.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Campbell Fitzgerald, Normal Avenue, Troy, Alabama.
Note: Donald Campbell Fitzgerald is the youngest child of Anna Smith and John J. Fitzgerald.
War service.

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Donald Campbell Fitzgerald Junior is the son of Donald Campbell and Willie Gladys King Fitzgerald. He was on the Varsity football team while in college and is now employed in radio. War service.

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Gilbert Scotland Fitzgerald is the youngest son of Donald Campbell and Willie Gladys King Fitzgera

** Dr. Van Allen and Dr. Engers of the faculty of Bradley University found the expression "Echten Staat" most difficult to translate. They suggested that an inquiry be sent to one of the Universities of the Netherlands. A query addressed to the Department of Netherland History, University of Leyden, Leyden, Holland, brought the reply which follows. This letter arrived too late to include in the proper place in the text.

RIJKSARCHIEVEN
IN DE
PROVINCIE NOORDHOLLAND

HAARLEM, den 13 December 1950
Ceciliasteeg 12 hoek Jansstraat. (Geopend 9—5, 's Zaterdags 9—12.30)
Postgiro 507622.

No. 852/50

Bericht op schrijven van: November 13, 1950.

Bijl.:

Onderwerp: Family Van der Velde

Dear Madam,

Dr. Rüter, professor of national history of Leyden University, sent me your letter, requesting me to aply.

The solution of your problem of "echte staat" is not hard to find, these words being an antiquated expression, meaning "Married state". I enclose a translation of the exerpt sent to me, in explanation.

With complements,
The master of the Rolls for North-Holland,

(mr. J.W. Groesbeek)

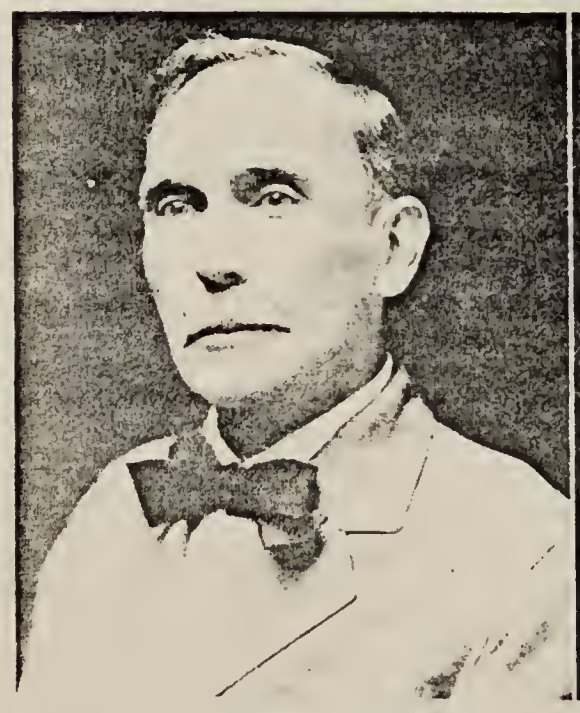
SIX GENERATIONS of the KARSJEN T. and FROUKE Van der VELDE FAMILY

I. Karsjen Thessen and Frouke Lupkes Van der Velde

IV. Harvey L. Velde

II. Habbe and Susan Luppen Velde

V. Harvey Bruce Velde



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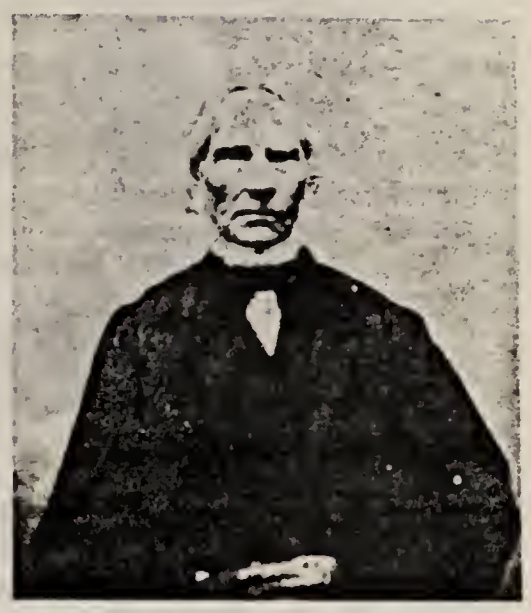

KARSJEN T. Van der VELDE *

BORN MARCH 17, 1794.
MARRIED FROUKE ISEBRAND LUPKES FROM PEWSUM,
AUGUST 11, 1822, EAST FRIESLAND.
DIED SEPTEMBER 14, 1880, PEKIN, ILLINOIS.
BURIED-LAKESIDE CEMETERY, PEKIN, ILLINOIS.
FROUKE ISEBRAND LUPKES.
BORN OCTOBER 17, 1801.
DIED OCTOBER 4, 1865.
BURIED-LAKESIDE CEMETERY, PEKIN, ILLINOIS.
Frouke Isebrand Lupkes' parents were Habbe L. and Aagtje Wiards Lupkes. Both are buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Children: Aagtje Carsjens (Speaker), Trinkje C. (Feltman), Eetje Theesen (Born August 13, 1828, died at an early age.), Habbe Luitjens, Tees Carsjens (Born August 3, 1836, died in Wisconsin), and Dinah L. (Voigt-Alfs) Van der Velde.

Notes: Karsjen Theessen Van der Velde was the third child and second son of Tees Karsjens and Tryntje Dirks Van der Velde. He and his wife and their children were the first of the family to leave East Friesland for America. They went to Kenosha, Wisconsin, in 1847, where they lived on a small farm near the town. He was a shoemaker by trade, but preferred to farm in the land of his adoption. He was active in church and community affairs in Wisconsin until he followed his son, Habbe, to Pekin, Illinois. Habbe soon dropped the "Van der" from his name, but his father retained the original name, and preferred the spelling Van der Velde, as has been noted.

Frouke Isebrand Lupkes was descended from a family of literary people: writer, teachers, and ministers of the Church. Her father was born March 26, 1761, and died September 18, 1831. Her mother was born December 30, 1761, and died May 5, 1827.

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Aagtje K. Van der Velde — Born September 19, 1823, Wirdum, East Friesland.
Married Camp Speaker (Geerd Campen Spieker), 1842, Hamswehrum, East Friesland.
Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Camp Speaker — Born in East Friesland.
Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Children: Henry and Camp Speaker II.

Notes: Aatje Carsjens van der Velde Speaker was the eldest child of Karsjen Theessen and Frouke Lupkes Van der Velde. She and her husband came to Pekin, Illinois, to live and remained there until their deaths. However, none of their descendants survive so little information is available.

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Henry Speaker — Born in Pekin, Illinois.
Died October 17, 1921. Buried-Old Soldier's Home, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Notes: Henry Speaker migrated to the West after his service in the Civil War and lived there until his death in the Soldier's Home. However, he often returned to Pekin, Illinois, to visit his brother and other relatives.

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Camp Speaker II — Born in Pekin, Illinois.
Married Kate Albertsen, Pekin, Illinois.
Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Child: Camp Speaker III (Died aged twenty-one years. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois).

Notes: Camp Speaker II was a foreman in the T.& H. Smith & Company, wagon factory in Pekin for some time. He then purchased and operated a grocery store in Pekin. This store had been established by Henry Velde, son of Foeke van der Velde, when he came to Pekin in 1865.

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*Spelling of Karsjen Theessen Van der Velde is taken from his gravestone in Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois. In Europe it is correct not to capitalize the "v" in van; in America it is correct to use either the capital "V" or the lower case letter.

Henry Feltman

Trienkje C. Van der Velde
Born January 12, 1825, Wirdum, East Friesland.
Married Henry Feltman, September 28, 1848, Kenosha, Wisconsin.
Died April 20, 1900. Buried-Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, Illinois.

Henry Feltman
Born April 6, 1828, Hopsin, Westphalia, Prussia.
Died December 18, 1906. Buried-Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, Illinois.

Children: Mary Cathrina (Unland), Adline Frances (Roelfs), Charles H., and Emma Feltman.

Trienkje C. Velde Feltman

Notes: Trinkje Van der Velde Feltman came with her father, Karsjen Theessen Van der Velde, to Wisconsin in 1847. She was a member of the Methodist Church. She and her brother Habbe were on the first board of trustees of the Methodist church in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Henry Feltman "came alone" to Chicago in 1836, a mere boy of eight years. He was a cabinet worker by trade, but went to Wisconsin to work for Karsjens Van der Velde. He and Trinkje (Catherine) Van der Velde were married in 1848, and they established their home in Kenosha, Wisconsin It was here that their four children were born. In 1864, the family moved to Pekin, Illinois, where for many years he conducted a successful business as a lumber merchant.

In 1866, Mr. Feltman, Mr. Teis Smith and Mr. G.B. Blickhahn, associated under the firm name of Smith, Feltman & Company, lumber dealers. Later he became a partner with Charles L. Velde wit firm name of Feltman & Velde, lumber dealers. In 1890, Mr. Feltman sold his half interest to Diedrich F. Velde and the firm name was changed to C.L. Velde and Company. It operated under thi name until 1922 when D.F. Velde purchased C.L. Velde's interest and the firm name was changed to Velde Lumber Company, the name it bears today. Mr. Henry Feltman was a member of the Catholic Church. His family were all Methodists.

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Mary Catherina Feltman — Born July 7, 1849, Kenosha, Wisconsin.
Married Ernest F. Unland, Pekin, Illinois.
Deceased.

Ernest F. Unland — Born in Europe.
Died 1920.

Children: Otto, Clara (Rosenthal), Edgar E. (Deceased), Mary (Saenger) and E.C. Unland.

Notes: Mary Catherina Feltman Unland, eldest child of Catherine Van der Velde and Henry Feltman, came to Pekin with her parents in 1864. Here she met and married Mr. Unland of the Smith, Hippen and Company, grain dealers, Pekin, Illinois. He was president of this firm for many years.

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Otto H. Unland — Born July 7, 1868, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Florence E. Dwyer, November 20, 1912, Peoria, Illinois.

Florence E. Dwyer
Died August 12, 1939, Nashville, Tennessee. Buried-Mount Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tenn.
Her parents were James and Catherine Dwyer.
Address: Mr. Otto H. Unland, 2309 Highland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

Child: Richard E. Unland.

Notes: Otto H. Unland, eldest child of Mary Cathrina Feltman and E.F. Unland, attended Preparatory School, Evanston, Illinois, and later, Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa. He i a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and the Congregational Church. He resided in New York for several years then worked with his father as secretary and treasurer of the Smith, Hippen Company in Pekin, Illinois. He located in Nashville, Tennessee in 1928, where he was connected with the City of Nashville for many years and retired under pension. In politics he is a Republican. He now resides with his son in Nashville, Tennessee.

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Richard E. Unland — Born September 14, 1914, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Helen Elizabeth Flanary, April 20, 1936, Nashville, Tennessee.
Her parents are Thomas N. and Nellie Flanary.

Children: Richard E. Junior, Mary Paul, William Otto, and Jean Elizabeth Unland.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Unland, 2309 Highland, Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

Notes: Richard E. Unland, only child of Otto and Florence Dwyer Unland, is a graduate of Central High School of Davidson County, Tennessee. He is a member of the Catholic Church. He is employed by Sears Roebuck Company, a position he has held for many years. War service.

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Clara Unland — Born September 28, 1871, Pekin, Illinois.
Married W.E. Rosenthal.
Note: Clara Unland Rosenthal is the second child of Mary Catherine Feltman and E.F. Unland.

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Edgar E. Unland — Born June 5, 1875, Pekin, Illinois.
Died in New York City.
Notes: Edgar E. Unland, second son of Mary Cathrina Feltman and Ernest F. Unland, was assistant bookkeeper for Smith, Hippen & Company while he lived in Pekin, Illinois.

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Mary Unland — Born November 5, 1878.
Married Louis P. Saenger.
Louis P. Saenger — Born December 7, 1875.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Saenger, 1215 South Hayworth, Los Angeles 35, California.
Child: Mary Louise (Newton) Saenger.
Notes: Mr. Saenger was a mechanical engineer at Corn Products Company, Pekin, Illinois. He now is in the Real Estate business in Los Angeles.

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Mary Louise Saenger — Born April 9, 1906.
Married G. Alan Newton.
G. Alan Newton — Born September 17, 1906.
Children: Mary Ann (Born March 13, 1934)and Susan Frances Newton (Born November 15, 1937).
Address: Mr. and Mrs. G. Alan Newton, Melbourne, Australia.
Notes: Mary Louise Saenger Newton is the only cnild of Mary Unland and Louis P. Saenger.

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Ernest C. Unland — Born November 22, 1882, Pekin, Illinois.
Unmarried.
Address: Mr. Ernest C. Unland. 1512 McGavock Street, Nashville, Tennessee.
Notes: Ernest C. Unland, youngest child of Mary C. Feltman and Ernest F. Unland, attended school in Lake Forrest, Illinois. He has resided in Nashville, Tennessee, for several years where he is emoloyed by the Rainbow Laundry.

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Adline Frances Feltman — Born June 20, 1851, Kenosha, Wisconsin.
Married Jacob A. Roelfs.
Died November, 1927. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Jacob A. Roelfs — Born 1847, Groothusen, East Friesland.
Died June 12, 1912. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Notes: Adline Frances Feltman Roelfs, second child of Trienkje Van der Velde and Henry Feltman, came to Pekin with her parents when she was thirteen years old. After completing school in Pekin she married Jacob A. Roelfs. An account of Mr. Roelfs is given in the Trientje van der Velde Roelfs family lineage.

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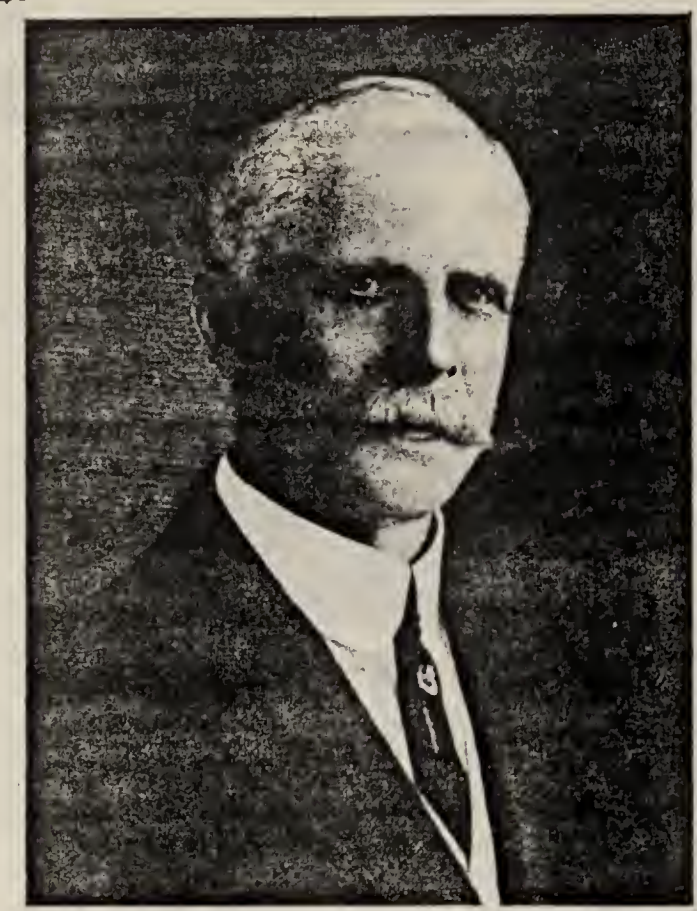
Charles H. Feltman — Born March 31, 1859, Kenosha, Wisconsin.
Married Ethel Ella Smith, February 7, 1895, Peoria, Illinois.
Died September 13, 1916. Buried-Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, Illinois.
Ethel Ella Smith — Born January 10, 1876, near Princeville, Illinois.
Died April 29, 1937. Buried-Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, Illinois.
Children: Katherine (White), Ethel Marion (Colean), and Carl H. Feltman.
Notes: Charles H. Feltman was a boy of five years when he removed to Pekin with his parents, Trientje van der Velde and Henry Feltman, from their home in Kenosha, Wisconsin. He attended the Pekin schools and at the early age of fourteen years entered Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, having the distinction of being the youngest student ever to enroll in that University. Here he joined Beta Theta Pi social fraternity. After two years of study at Iowa Wesleyan, he decided to begin his buinsess career and became bookkeeper at the Smith Wagon Works in Pekin. Later he was bookkeeper for Wilson & Holcomb, distillers, in Pekin. At the age of eighteen he was elected secretary and manager of that comoany and filled this position for a number of years. In 1886, Mr. Feltman resigned this position and entered the commission firm of Smith, Hippen and Company in Peoria, Illinois. Mr. Feltman acted as managing partner at Peoria, and five years later, following the death of Mr. Hippen, (Mr. Smith had died in 1870) entered the grain trade on his own account and became one of the foremost grain merchants of Peoria, operating on the Board of Trade



Charles H. Feltman

of Peoria for twenty-nine years. In 1908, he was elected a director of the Central National Bank of Peoria, having been a stock holder for many years. He and his family attended the First Congregational Church, and he served several terms as trustee of this church. He was a member of the Creve Coeur Club, the Transportation Club and the Association of Commerce. Mr. Feltman took a lively interest in these organizations and contributed to their advancement in a financial way and through active cooperation. It was characteristic of him that he worked diligently in behalf of any movement or enterprise with which he

Ethel Ella Smith Feltman

became identified. This quality, coupled with his keen business judgement, enabled him to succee as a grain merchant, a stockholder in the bank, and as owner and manager of two farms, one of three hundred acres and the other two hundred and fifty acres, both in Peoria County, He resided in a beautiful home at 401 West Armstrong until his death in 1916.

Ethel Ella Smith Feltman's father was Morris Smith, who came to Illinois from the state of New York and was one of the pioneer business men of Peoria. War service.

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Katherine Feltman Born September 11, 1896, Peoria, Illinois.
Married Edward S. White, April 8, 1918, Peoria, Illinois.
Edward S. White Born July 29, 1892.
Died August 2, 1938. Buried-Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, Illinois.
Child: Marion Spotswood White.

Katherine Feltman White

Notes: Katherine Feltman White, eldest child of Charles and Ella Smith Feltman, was graduated from Peoria, High School, then attended National Park Seminary, Forest Glen, Maryland. She is a member of the First Federated Church in Peoria, and is also interested in the service groups in Peoria.

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Marion Spotswood White
Born July 15, 1923, Peoria, Illinois.
Address: Mrs. Katherine White and Miss Marion White, 410 West Armstrong, Peoria, Illinois.

Notes: Marion Spotswood White, child of Katherine and Edward White, graduated from Peoria High

Marion Spotswood White

School, then attended Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, graduating in 1945, with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. While at Northwestern University she joined Phi Beta Phi social sorority, and now is a member of the Junior League of Peoria and devotes much time to the Girl Scouts. She worked for a time after graduation with the Price, Waterhouse Accountants firm in New York City, then worked for the Navy in Puerto Rico during World War II.

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Miles Lanier Colean

Ethel Marion Feltman
Born August 9, 1898, 401 West Armstrong, Peoria, Illinois.
Married Miles Lanier Colean, January 21, 1925, Peoria, Ill.
Miles Lanier Colean
Born August 4, 1898, Peoria, Illinois.
Child: Mary Katherine Colean.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Miles Lanier Colean, 5001 Macomb Street, N.W. Washington 16, D.C.

Notes: Marion Feltman Colean, second child of Charles H. and Ethel Ella Smith Feltman, attended Peoria High School, Bradley Polytechnic Institute, and Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, from which she graduated in 1920. She is prominent in Smith alumnae activities and Washington, D.C. civic and charitable organizations; past president of the Smith College Club of Washington, D.C.; and trustee of the District of Columbia Division of the American Cancer Society.

Ethel M. Feltman Colean

Miles Lanier Colean attended the public schools of Peoria, and the University of Wisconsin where he joined the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He graduated from Columbia University, New York City, with the degree of Bachelor of Architecture. He was awarded the Columbia University Medal for Public Service in 1944. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and was Technical Director and Assistant Administrator of the Federal Housing Administration, 1934-1940. He is Advisor on housing and mortgage finance to many federal agencies, the government of Canada and private organizations, and author of "Housing for Defense", 1940; "American Housing", 1944; "Impact of Government on Real Estate Finance", 1950; and numerous articles and pamphlets.

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Mary Katherine Colean Born July 6, 1928, Chicago, Illinois.
Address: Miss Mary Colean, 5001 Macomb Street, N.W. Washington 16, D.C.

Notes: Mary Katherine Colean, only child of Ethel Marion Feltman and Miles Lanier Colean, attended public schools, Sidwell Friend's School in Washington, D.C. and studied one year at George Washington University, Washington D.C. where she joined the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She then went to Smith College from which she graduated in 1950. She resides with her parents in Washington, D.C. and is a member of the Junior League of Washington.

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Carl Howard Feltman Born January 22, 1900, 401 West Armstrong, Peoria, Illinois.

Unmarried.
Address: Mr. Carl H. Feltman, 401 West Armstrong, Peoria, Illinois.

Mary Katherine Colean

Notes: Carl H. Feltman, only son of Charles and Ethel Smith Feltman, attended Franklin Grade and Peoria High School in Peoria. He then entered the University of Wisconsin in 1918, and was graduated in 1922, with the degrees of B.S. and Electrical Engineer. After graduation he assumed the management of the Hamilton Motor Inn, Peoria, Illinois. He continues in this business today (1950) as manager and joint owner. He is a member of Beta Theta Pi, college franternity, the Creve Coeur Club, and the Peoria Country Club. War service.

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Carl H. Feltman

Habbe L. Velde (Habbe Luitjen Van der Velde)
Born November 29, 1832, Wirdum, East Friesland.
Married first Susana (Susan) Luppen, September 21, 1859, Pekin, Illinois.
Married second Etta Brandes (widow), September 23, 1911, Pekin, Illinois.
Died January 26, 1927. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Susana Luppen
Born February 13, 1841, Hamswehrum, East Friesland.
Died March 16, 1910. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Etta Brandes
Born May 10, 1859, Hage, East Friesland.
Died December 1, 1946. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Children of Habbe L. and Susan Luppen Velde: Charles Louis, Dina Catherine (1863-1864), Franklin Luppen, Catherine Louise (Born May 8, 1869, died unmarried July 29, 1909), Daughter(Born 1871, died in infancy), Daughter (Born 1872, died in infancy), and Sara Justina Adelheide (Lackman)Veld

Notes: Habbe Velde, fourth child of Karsjen Theessen and Frouke Isebrand Lupkes van der Veld came to America with his parents when he was fourteen years old. He remained with them on the far near Kenosha, Wisconsin, until he was twenty-three then came to Pekin. After a short time he returned to Kenosha and worked in the Bain Wagon Works there. In 1857, he returned to Pekin, Illinois, to be a wagon maker with the T. & H. Smith and Company. He became general business manager and later president of this company and filled this position for many years before his retirement in 1903. He was a member of the Grace Methodist Church in Pekin where he was a lay preacher and Superintendent of Sunday School for twenty-five years. His son, Franklin Velde, has a letter, sen to Congressman Harold Velde, relating the finding of a clipping from an old Kenosha, Wisconsin, newspaper. This clipping states that Habbe van der Velde and his sister Katherine were on the first Official Board of the Methodist Church in Kenosha, Wisconsin. In 1871 he was elected to the City Council in Pekin and served for a number of years as chairman of the finance committee on th Council. Habbe Velde was five feet nine inches tall and weighed one hundred sixty pounds. He had brown hair, blue eyes, and a ruddy complexion. He lived to be ninety-four years old.

Susana Luppen Velde was born in East Friesland, but was brought to America when very young. She received her education in the Pekin schools. Two or three of her brother died of cholerea. Susan was thought dead also and was put in the coffin. Some one noticed that she was breathing an rescued her. Her son, Franklin Velde, says of her, "She was gentle, refined and a good housekeepe

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Charles Louis Velde — Born May 20, 1860, Pekin, Illinois.
Married May L. Pratt, September 18, 1884, Pekin, Illinois.
Died April 4, 1929. Buried-Mausoleum, Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

May L. Pratt — Born February 6, 1857, Delavan, Illinois.
Her parents were Uriah Harvey and Sarah Ann Scott Pratt.
Address: Mrs. D.L. Velde, 117 South Maplewood, Peoria, Illinois.

Children: Harvey Lupkes, Justina (Ross), Roderick Louis, Merle Lindsey, Eileen (Surman), and Lois May (Fitzgerald) Velde.

Notes: Charles L. Velde, eldest child of Habbe and Susan Luppen Velde, attended the public schools of Pekin, Illinois, then studied for a time at Iowa Wesleyan College at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. While there he became one of the charter members of Delta Tau Delta college fraternity. He returned to Pekin and was employed for some time by the T.& H. Smith & Company, wagon manufacture and the Smith bank. In 1882, Mr. Velde joined his uncle, Henry Feltman, in the lumber business. The firm name when organized was Feltman and Velde. In 1890, Mr. Feltman sold his half interest to Diedrich F. Velde and the name was changed to C.L. Velde and Company. This firm was operated by

these two men, sons of first cousins, until 1922. At this time C.L. Velde retired and D.F. Velde purchased the entire interest and the name was again changed to the Velde Lumber Company, and is so known today (1950). Charles L. Velde was treasurer of the La Marsh drainage district for many years, but was not active in other enterprises. His son, Harvey L. Velde, says of him, "He was a family man, and an accomplished musician. He was organist at the First Methodist Church in Pekin for thirty years. His family, his business, and his music were his great interests."

May Pratt Velde attended the Delavan school and the Pekin High School. She graduated with the class of 1877, the fourth class to be graduated from this high school. She, like her husband, was excellently trained in music, possessing a beautiful singing voice. In fact, her daughter Mrs. Ross states, it was their mutual musical interests that introduced them. She was one of the twenty young ladies who, in January, 1892, formed the organization known as the "Litta Society." The purpose of the "Litta Society" was "musical and literary instruction, and entertainment for the benefit of friends and members." Mrs. Velde was also a member of the Pekin Women's club, and sang in the Women's Club Chorus for many years. She is a lifelong member of the First Methodist Church of Pekin, and sang in the choir and directed the choir in that church for many years. She was active in and enjoyed the social life of Pekin as well as her musical groups. Now, at ninety-three years, she resides with her daughter, Mrs. James Ross, Peoria, Illinois.

Mrs. Velde's father, Uriah Harvey Pratt, born April 2, 1827, Wheeling West Virginia, was a captain in the Civil War. He was a merchant in Delavan, Illinois, before removing to Pekin where he was a government gauger at the distilleries. He died in Chicago, January 2, 1893. Her mother, Sarah Ann Scott Pratt, was born December 8, 1835, in Providence, Rhode Island. She was one of twelve children. She died December 31, 1906, in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Harvey Lupkes Velde — Born January 2, 1886, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Florence Ann Schmitt, October 14, 1914, Peoria, Illinois.

Florence Ann Schmitt — Born June 16, 1886, Peoria, Illinois.

Her parents are Joseph Ludwig and Wilhelmina Agnes Stelbrink Schmitt.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Velde, 518 Hollyridge Circle, Knoll Crest, Peoria, Illinois.

Children: Florence Louise (Clendenin), Harvey Bruce, Warren Lynn, and Carol May (Meythaler) Velde.

Notes: Harvey L. Velde, eldest child of Charles L. and May Pratt Velde, attended Pekin schools then studied at Brown's Business College in Peoria. He was associated with the Smith, Hippen Company, grain merchants in Pekin for a number of years. He then established his own business as grain merchant in Bradford, Illinois, and conducted this business continuously until 1949. At this time he sold his interests and retired. While living in Pekin, he was a member of the grade school board for many years. He led the choir in the First Methodist Church and was an active member of that church. He also served on the school board after moving to Bradford, Illinois. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Florence Ann Schmitt Velde received her education in the Peoria Schools. Her mother, Wilhelmina Agnes Stelbrink Schmitt, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, November 27, 1854, and died January 24, 1922. Her father Joseph Ludwig Schmitt, was born in Zweibruecken, Germany, August 25, 1851, and died December 24, 1928. He came to America in 1854, at the age of three, to live in St. Louis, Missouri. After coming to Peoria, he was the proprietor of a grocery store on South Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois.

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Florence Louise Velde

Born November 23, 1915, Peoria, Illinois.

Married Robert J. Clendenin, December 6, 1941, Bradford, Illinois.

Robert J. Clendenin

Born October 12, 1904, Monmouth, Illinois.

His parents are William-deceased-and Louisa Stephenson Clendenin, of Monmouth, Illinois.

Children: Robert James (Born April 28, 1944, Chicago, Illinois), John Velde (Born August 13, 1945, Chicago, Illinois,) and William Harvey (Born June 5, 1949, Chicago, Illinois,) Clendenin.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Clendenin, 1111 East Euclid, Monmouth, Illinois.

Notes: Florence Louise Velde Clendenin, eldest child of Harvey L. and Florence Ann Schmitt Velde, attended Pekin public schools and Bradford High school. After graduation from high school she studied at Western Illinois State Teachers College,

Robert J. and Florence Clendenin
John, William and Robert Clendenin

Macomb, Illinois, and Methodist Hospital, Peoria, Illinois. She was graduated from this hospital as a Laboratory Technician.

Robert J. Clendenin received his Bachelor's degree at Leland Stanford University, Palo Alto California, and his degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is now, 1950 an Attorney at Law, practicing in Monmouth, Illinois, and Peoria, Illinois. He is referee in bankruptcy in the Southern District of the seventh Judicial United States Circuit Court. He is a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. War service.

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Harvey Bruce Velde — Born May 12, 1919, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Jeanne Esther Heller, February 14, 1942, Greeley, Colorado.

Jeanne Esther Heller — Born April 24, 1921, Pueblo, Colorado.

Her parents are Walter, deceased, and Elizabeth Donley Heller of Pueblo, Colorado.

Children: Peter Bruce (Born October 26, 1945, Pueblo, Colorado), and John Jay (Born July 1, 1947 Galesburg, Illinois) Velde.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bruce Velde, 422 Bensyl, Danville, Illinois.

Notes: Harvey Bruce Velde, eldest son of Harvey L. and Florence Schmitt Velde, graduated from Bradford High School, Bradford, Illinois, and attended Western Illinois State Teachers College, Macomb, Illinois, one year. He was graduated from the Colorado State College of Education, Greeley, Colorado. His fraternity is Phi Delta Pi. After his discharge from the Navy he entered the University of Illinois and received a degree in Accountancy. He is presently engaged as Office Manager for the Prairie States Oil Company at Danville, Illinois. War service.

Jean Esther Heller Velde attended the public schools of Pueblo, Colorado, and graduated from the Colorado State College of Education, Greeley, Colorado. Her sorority is Delta Phi Omega.

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Warren Lynn Velde — Born July 10, 1921, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Sylvia Rouse, July 26, 1941, Bowling Green, Missouri.

Sylvia Rouse — Born May 16, 1922, Bradford, Illinois.

Her parents are Jesse and Hattie Reed Rouse of Bradford, Illinois.

Children: Jeffrey Lynn (Born September 23, 1942, Peoria, Illinois), and Gary Louis (Born February 26, 1946, Peoria, Illinois,) Velde.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lynn Velde, Bradford, Illinois.

Notes: Warren Lynn Velde, second son and third child of Harvey L. and Florence Ann Schmitt Velde, graduated from Bradford High School, Bradford, Illinois, and attended Bradley University. His fraternity is Alpha Phi. He is a member of the firm of Browning and Velde, Bradford, Illinois.

Sylvia Rouse Velde is a graduate of Bradford High School and attended Brown's School of Business in Peoria, Illinois.

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Carol May Velde

Born December 26, 1923, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Virgil W. Meythaler, May 16, 1945, Bradford, Illinois.

Virgil W. Meythaler

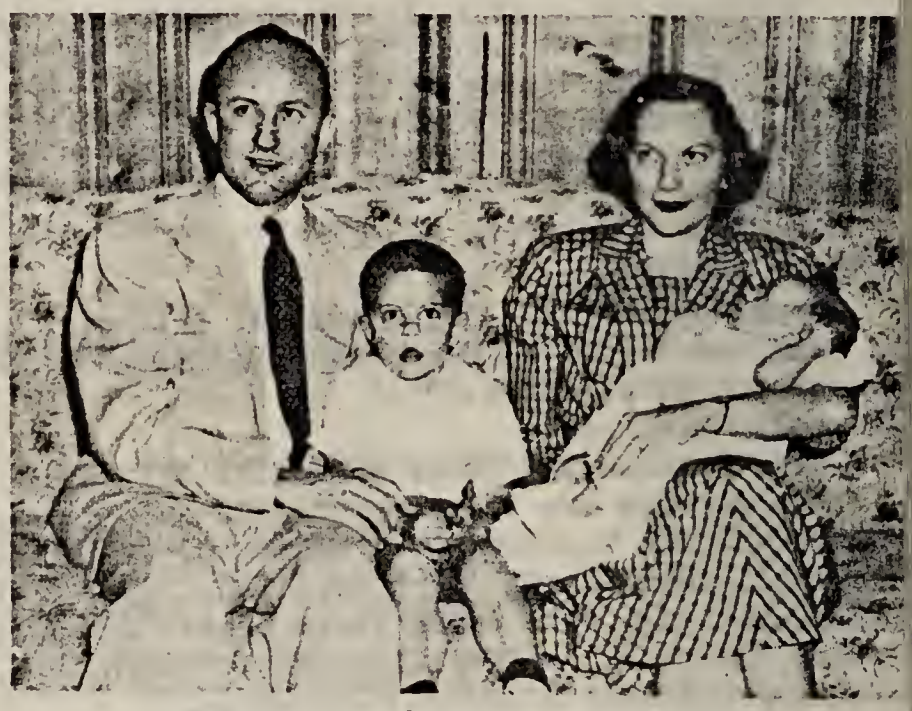
Born May 9, 1918, Abingdon, Illinois.

His parents are Edward and Barbara Figi Meythaler of Monroe, Wisconsin.

Children: Scott Velde (Born December 5, 1946, Peoria, Illinois), and Bruce Edward (Born May 6, 1950, Owensboro Kentucky,) Meythaler.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Meythaler, 706 Hill Avenue, Owensboro, Kentucky.

Notes: Carol May Velde Meythaler, youngest child of Harvey L. and Florence Schmitt Velde is a graduate of Bradford High School, Bradford, Illinois, and Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois. While at Bradley she was a member of Lambda Phi local social sorority, and transferred her membership to Phi Beta Phi national social sorority.



Virgil W. and Carol May Meythaler
Scott Velde and Bruce Edward Meythaler

Virgil W. Meythaler graduated from Bradford High School, Bradford, Illinois, and received a degree in Accountancy from the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. While at the University he joined Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He is employed as a tax specialist by the Texas Gas Transmission Corporation in Owensboro, Kentucky. War service.

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Justina Vander Velde Born January 31, 1889, Pekin, Illinois.
Married James William Ross, June 28, 1915.
James William Ross Born June 3, 1890, Spring Lake, Illinois.
His parents were James Patterson and Almira Philip van Deusen Ross.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. James W. Ross, 117 South Maplewood, Peoria, Illinois.
Child: Mary Jeanne (Ritchey) Ross.

Notes: Justina Vander Velde Ross, second child of Charles L. and May L. Pratt Velde, attended the Pekin Public Schools, She did not attended college, preferring to devote her time to the study of music. She is an accomplished musician and followed her father as organist for the First Methodist Church of Pekin, Illinois. She gave her services here for fifteen years, then removed to Peoria, Illinois, to make her home.

James William Ross graduated from the Pekin High School then entered the Insurance business. He is now assistant director in the State of Illinois Insurance Department, Springfield, Illinois. He is a member of the Creve Coeur Club in Peoria; the Sons of the American Revolution; the Sangmon Club, the Illinois Quarterback Club, and the Abe Lincoln Masonic High Twelve Club of Springfield, Illinois; and the Masonic and Elks Lodges. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ross are members of the First Federated Church of Peoria, Illinois.

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Mary Jeanne Ross Born August 24, 1918, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Robert Ritchey, Peoria, Illinois.
Robert Ritchey Born August 31, 1914, Peoria, Illinois.
Children: Craig Allen (Born October 7, 1942, Peoria, Illinois), and Ross Robert (Born March 29, 1946, Dallas, Texas,) Ritchey.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ritchey, Palos Heights, Illinois.

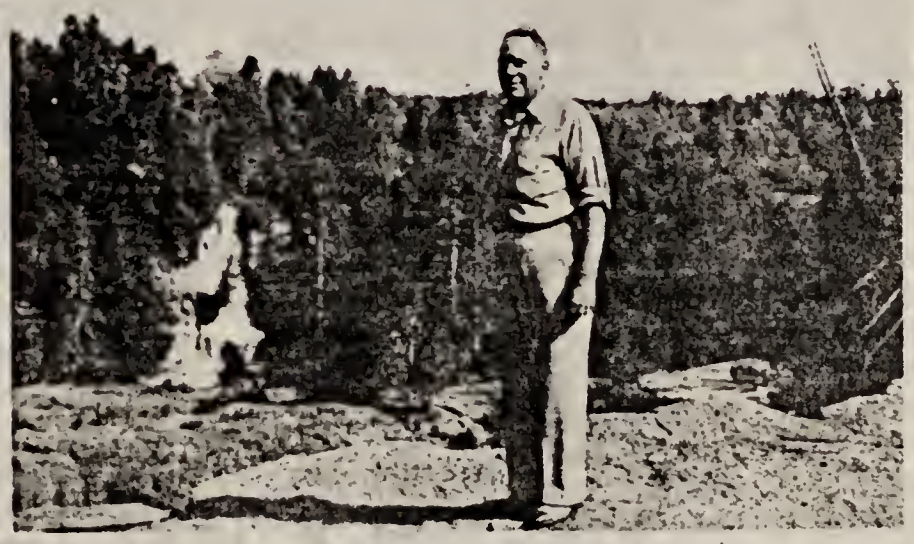
Notes: Mary Jeanne Ross Ritchey, only child of James W. and Justina Vander Velde Ross, graduated from Peoria High School and Bradley College, Peoria, Illinois, with highest honors. She is a member of Phi Beta Phi sorority.

Robert Ritchey is a graduate of Bradley College and is a member of Alpha Pi fraternity. He is a District Manager for the Spiegle Mail Order House of Chicago, Illinois.

# # #

Roderick Louis Velde
Born August 31, 1891, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Loretta Bedessem, January 20, 1923, Waukeegan, Illinois.
Died March 15, 1950, Chicago, Illinois.
Buried-Chicago, Illinois.
Loretta Bedessem
Born October 6, 1899, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Her parents are Peter H. and Helen Schmidt Bedessem.
Address: Mrs. Roderick Velde, 6326 West Raven Chicago 30, Illinois.
Child: Roderick Louis Velde Junior.

Notes: Roderick Louis Velde, third child of Charles L. and May Pratt Velde, attended the Pekin public schools, then entered business with his father in the C.L. Velde Lumber Company, Pekin, Illinois. After service in World War I he accepted a position as salesman with the California Packing Company, Chicago, Illinois, and continued in this work until his death.



Roderick Louis Velde - July, 1941.

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Roderick Louis Velde, Jr. Born August 1, 1925, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Married Katherine Kreller, August 28, 1948, Chicago, Illinois.
Kathrine Kreller Born September 19, 1926.
Her parents are Richard Adolph and Matilda Fuchs Kreller.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Louis Velde, Junior, 6326 West Raven, Chicago 30, Illinois.

Notes: Roderick Louis Velde, Junior, only child of Roderick L. and Loretta Bedessem Velde, graduated from a Chicago high school and Wright Junior College, Chicago, Illinois. He is now attending Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, night school and will receive his degree soon from the university. He is employed as a salesman for the Coco Cola Company in Chicago, Illinois. War service. Kathrine Kreller Velde attended school in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

# # #

Merle Lindsey Velde Born July 22, 1893, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Florence Scott, May 29, 1920, First Congregational Church, Peoria, Illinois, by Reverend A.R. McLaughlin.

Florence Scott Born May 3, 1894, Clinton, Iowa.

Her parents are William J. and Emma May Scott.

Permanent Address: Mr. and Mrs. Merle L. Velde 1014 Bacon Street, Pekin, Illinois.

Present Address: Mr. and Mrs. Merle L. Velde, 1118 Mier Street, Lareado, Texas.

Child: LeClaire (Talbot) Velde.

Notes: Merle Lindsey Velde, fourth child of Charles L. and May Pratt Velde, received his education at Pekin High School and Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio. He is Resident engineer with Sargent & Lundy Engineers of Chicago, in charge of Power House construction. He was assistant chief Structual Engineer in charge of construction on the Atomic Bomb Plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during World War II and received a citation and silver award for his services there. He was Resident Engineer on Power Plants constructed at Provo, Utah; Clinton, Iowa; Kalamazoo, Michigan; Corpus Christi, Texas; and is presently engaged in building a Power Plant at Laredo, Texas. He is a registered Professional Engineer authorized to practice as such by the State of Illinois. War service.

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LeClaire Velde Born May 8, 1924, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Married John Sidney Talbot, February 18, 1950, First Methodist Church, Corpus Christi, Texas, by Reverend John Donaho.

John Sidney Talbot Born July 6, 1917, Belleville, Illinois.

His parents are Cecil Sidney, deceased, and Mary Hanraty Talbot of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. John S. Talbot, 3217 San Jacinto Street, Houston, Texas.

Notes: LeClaire Velde Talbot, only daughter of Merle L. and Florence Scott Velde, is a graduate of Pekin High School, and received her B.S. degree from Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo, Michigan. She attended the University of Tennessee, at Knoxville, Tennessee, where she was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority, and also attended the Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where she was a member of Lambda Delta Sigma fraternity. Her father's business takes him to many places so LeClaire attended an unusual number of Universities and Colleges.

John S. Talbot was graduated from high school in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and received his B.S. degree in Petroleum Engineering at the University of Oklahoma in 1940. He is employed by the Dowell Chemical Company of Huston, Texas. War service.

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Eileen Vander Velde Born April 16, 1897, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Ralph Carl Surman, June 25, 1931, Pekin, Illinois.

Ralph Carl Surman Born October 12, 1894, Carlinville, Illinois.

His parents are William and Pauline Loehr Surman.

Child: Sandra Surman (Born March 18, 1934, Carlinville, Illinois, died February 9, 1939).

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carl Surman, Carlinville, Illinois.

Notes: Eileen Vander Velde Surman, fifth child of Charles L. and May Pratt Velde, is a graduate of Pekin Community High School and Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, where she was affiliated with Delta Delta Delta. She later received a degree in Library Science from the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. Previous to her marriage she was Librarian at the Pekin Public Library, and subsequently was employed by the State Library in Springfield, Illinois. She is a member of the Methodist Church.

Ralph Carl Surman is a graduate of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy and Allied Sciences, is owner of the Loher Drug Company in Carlinville, Illinois, and is employed in that business. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Surman are active in social affairs in Carlinville and he is a member of the Country Club of that city.

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Lois May Velde Born February 28, 1899, Pekin, Illinois.

Married John Dean Fitzgerald.

John Dean Fitzgerald Born January 2, 1899.

His parents are J.D. and Nellie Handbury Fitzgerald.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. John Dean Fitzgerald, 4110 Howard Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois.

Children: Sara Ann (Tobias) and John Dean Fitzgerald, Jr.

Notes: Lois May Velde Fitzgerald, youngest child of Charles L. and May Pratt Velde, graduated from Pekin High School and attended Northwestern University two years. She then went to Smith College at Northampton, Massachusetts, and is a graduate of that College. While at Northwestern she became a member of Delta Delta Delta social sorority.

John Dean Fitzgerald is a graduate of Notre Dame Preparatory School and Notre Dame University, Great Bend, Indiana. After graduation he joined the General Electrical Company at Schenectady, New York, then was employed by the same company in Chicago, War service.

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Sara Ann Fitzgerald — Born May 10, 1927, Chicago, Illinois.
Married Richard A. Tobias, October 23, 1948, Western Springs, Illinois.
Richard A. Tobias — Born January 29, 1926, Michigan.
Daughter: Leslie Tobias (Born November 12, 1949, Hillman, Michigan.)
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Tobias, Hillman, Michigan.

Notes: Sara Ann Fitzgerald Tobias, eldest child of John Dean and Lois May Velde Fitzgerald, graduated, 1949, from the Methodist College at Albion, Michigan. Her sorority is Alpha Pi Omega. Her husband, Richard A. Tobias, is also a graduate of this college. His fraternity is Delta Sigma Phi. He is a teacher of mathematics in Hillman, Michigan, and attends school during the summers working toward a Master's degree.

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John Dean Fitzgerald, Junior — Born February 22, 1931.
Address: Mr. John Dean Fitzgerald, Junior, 4110 Howard Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois.

Notes: John Dean Fitzgerald, Junior, youngest child of John Dean and Lois May Velde Fitzgerald, was graduated from LaGrange High School, LaGrange, Illinois, with many honors. He is attending college at Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

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Franklin Luppen Velde
Born June 24, 1866, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Ella Hippen, November 29, 1899, Pekin, Ill.
Ella Hippen
Born April 1, 1870, Pekin, Illinois.
Her parents were Herman W. and Martha Tomm Hippen.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Franklin L. Velde, 331 South Fourth Street, Pekin, Ill.
Children: Walter Hippen and Constance (Skillman) Velde.

Golden Wedding Anniversary - November 29, 1949.
David Skillman, Ruth Lacey Velde, Walter Velde, Constance Velde Skillman, C.F. Skillman, Susan Skillman, Katherine Velde, Ella Hippen Velde, Franklin Velde and Frederick L. Velde.

Notes: Franklin Luppen Velde, third child of Habbe and Susana Luppen Velde, attended the Pekin public schools through the Junior high school year. Then, as the high school did not offer classes in Latin and Greek, at that time a college entrance requirement-he attended the newly established Cathedral Episcopal School during the years 1881-82. He then attended Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa. He received his B.A. degree in 1887 from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and his LLB degree from the Law School of Northwestern University-then Union College of Law-Evanston, Illinois, in 1889. This same year he was admitted to the practice of law in Illinois, and ten years later was admitted to the practice of law in the United States Supreme Court. He joined the Illinois State Bar Association in 1907 and served continuously as Treasurer of this organization during the years 1915-24. He was Vice-President three years-1925-26-27, and President 1928-29 of this Bar Association. He became a member of the American Bar Association in 1912. Mr. Velde was one of the first appointees to the Committee on Character and Fitness for the third Supreme Court District of Illinois. At noon of the day that the Supreme Court adopted this measure, Judge Dunn called Mr. Velde to ask him to serve on the Committee. He was re-appointed annually from 1918 to 1928, when he resigned to become President of the State Bar Association. In 1929, the Illinois Legislature provided for the organization of the Judicial Advisory Council of the State of Illinois, consisting of five members of the House of Representatives, and five members from the Bar, to be appointed by the Governor to serve until 1933. This Committee studied and worked for the adoption of laws which greatly expedite the transaction of business in the Courts. Most outstanding of these was the provision that a defendant can be summoned to answer any time within twenty days instead of only on the first day of the term of court as was previously the practice. Correlated with the State Judicial Advisory Councils was the National Conference of Judicial Councils at Washington, D.C. Mr. Velde participated

actively in these Conferences each year and was vice-President of the group in 1932-33. While he was a member of the State Judicial Advisory Council, Mr. Velde, with the other members, visited the Bar Associations of various cities in Canada and the United States to observe their Court proceedings at first hand. Among these cities were Boston, New York, and Baltimore.

Mr. Velde has attended ten annual meetings of the American Bar Association and in this way h heard many of the distinguished lawyers of the country. These include Elihu Root, ex-President Taft, ex-Justice of the Supreme Court, Charles Evans Hughes, and the Honorable John W. Davis. He has attended consecutively thirty-nine meetings of the Illinois Bar Association. He would have attended the fortieth, but there was a gas shortage, it being war time. But after the war, in 1946, he attended the fortieth for him; the other members told Mr. Velde that it was a regular meeting when he was there.

Mr. Velde has been, and continues to be, active in the life of his native city, Pekin, Illinois. He was city Attorney of Pekin from 1895 to 1897. For nine years he was a member of the Publ Library Board and was its President and Chairman of the Building Committee at the time the present Public Library was constructed. He was a member and served as President of the Grade School Board. He was actively interested in the organization of the first Community High School District of Pekin, which was declared unconstitutional by the Illinois State Supreme Court and then reorganize. He takes great pride in winning, in 1911, the case of the Pekin School Board vs. Toennings, County Treasurer (297 Ill. Supreme Court Reports 469), wherein the Court declared that the funds raised for the illegally constituted high school district should be turned over to the Grade Schools of the City. Other important cases which he tried and won before the State Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court are: Lowery vs, city of Pekin (210 Ill. 514), 1904; Bailey vs. Robinson, Williams vs. Conners (149 Ill. App. 29), 1909; Rock Island Plow Company vs. Reardon (222 U.S. 354), 1911. He was active, as President of the Chamber of Commerce, in securing the river bridge at Peki and the development of highways in Tazewell County.

Mr. Velde was a member of the Grace Methodist Church but is now a member of the Congregationa Church and was for many years on the Board of this Church. He is a Republican in politics. Through the years 1899-1902, he was Worshipful Master of Empire Lodge No. 126 A.F. & A.M., and for three years was Excellent High Priest of the Pekin Chapter of R.A.M.; he was also President of the Pekin Association of Commerce for the years 1919-1923. His clubs are the Tazewell Club and the Pekin Country Club. While in Iowa Wesleyan he became a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He is also a member of the law fraternity, Phi Delta Phi.

Mr. Velde is the senior member of the law firm of Velde and Prettyman, Times Building, Pekin, Illinois. This firm has the unique record of having been started in 1845 by Benjamin S. Prettyman Grandfather of William S. Prettyman, the present member of the firm, and has been in existence eve since Congressman Harold Velde began his career as a lawyer in 1937, as an associate of this law firm.

Mr. Franklin L. Velde has had many honors paid him in his long and successful career as an Attorney at Law. Among these are: He was chosen candidate for Circuit Judge in 1901. When he was elected President of the State Bar Association in 1928, he was given a complimentary dinner by the Tazewell County Bar Association and the Pekin Association of Commerce. In 1939 he was again complimented by a dinner given by the Tazewell County Bar in honor of his fiftieth year of admission to the Bar. On this occassion he was presented with a handsome gold headed cane, which he has not yet used. He is listed in "Who's Who in Law."

Ella Hippen Velde graduated from the Pekin High School then studied at Wellsley College, Wellsley, Massachusetts, for two years. She was one of the original twenty-three members of the Pekin Women's Club, organized as a literary group in 1893. She is the daughter of Herman W. and Martha Tomm Hippen. He was born in the District of Aurich, East Friesland, July 18, 1836, and was the son of Ulrich and Anna Jansen Hippen. Mr. Hippen was a member of the Smith, Hippen & Company, grain dealers and commission merchants, Pekin, Illinois. He was a Republican, a member of the St. Paul Evangelical Church, a successful business man, and mayor of the city of Pekin, Illinois. He died January 4, 1889, and is buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois. Ulrich H. Hippen father of Herman W. Hippen, was born in Aurich, East Friesland, August 27, 1808. He was a baker by trade, a Methodist and a Republican. He died in 1901, and is buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois. Mrs. Velde's mother, Martha Tomm Hippen, was born in Seleski, Pommerania, Northeast Germany, November 19, 1848. She was the daughter of Joachim and Caroline Nunke Tomm. She attended parochial schools and was a member of the St. Paul Evangelical Church. She died September 26, 1866, and is buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

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Walter Hippen Velde — Born August 23, 1901, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Ruth Lacey, 1927, Havana, Illinois.

Ruth Lacey

Her father was Attorney Lyman Lacey, deceased, of Havana, Illinois.

Children: Frederick and Katherine Velde, twins (Adopted November 14, 1943).
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Velde, Glencoe, Illinois.

Notes: Walter Hippen Velde, eldest child of Franklin and Ella H. Velde, graduated from the Pekin Community High School then entered the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He received a B.A. degree from this University in 1923, and was graduated from its Law School in 1925, with the degree of J.D. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity and Phi Delta Phi law fraternity. He is now a partner in the law firm of Knapp, Cushing, Harschberger and Stevenson, 208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. He resides with his family in Glencoe, Illinois.

Ruth Lacey Velde is a graduate of Ferry Hall at Lake Forrest, Illinois, and of Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York. She is very active in the alumni association of Ferry Hall, Lake Forrest, Illinois.

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Constance Velde — Born November 2, 1904, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Cleon Francis Skillman, 1927.
Cleon Francis (Skeet) Skillman — Born May 24, 1898.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Skillman, 331 South Fourth Street, Pekin, Illinois.
Children: Susan and David Velde Skillman.

Notes: Constance Velde Skillman, second child of Franklin L. and Ella Hippen Velde, graduated from Pekin Community High School in 1922, and from Wellsley College in 1926, with a degree of Bachelor of Arts. Her husband, Cleon Francis Skillman, attended Illinois Wesleyan College, Bloomington, Illinois. He is presently employed as a sales representative of Allied Mills in a considerable territory in Central Illinois. War service.

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Susan Skillman — Born January 30, 1929, Pekin, Illinois.
Address: Miss Susan Skillman, Y.W.C.A., 1001 North Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois.

Notes: Susan Skillman, eldest child of Constance Velde and Cleon Francis Skillman, studied two years at Southeastern Missouri College, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. In 1949, she graduated from the Tobe-Coburn Fashion School, New York City, New York. She is employed in the jewelery department of Marshall Fields, Chicago, Illinois.

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David Velde Skillman — Born January 30, 1931, Pekin, Illinois.
Address: Mr. David V. Skillman, 331 South Fourth Street, Pekin, Illinois.

Notes: David Skillman, youngest child of Constance Velde and Cleon Francis Skillman, graduated from Pekin Community High School with the class of 1949. He entered Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, in September, 1949, and is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity there.

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Sarah Justina Adelheide Velde
Born July 23, 1877, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Rudolph D. Lackman, June 12, 1901, Pekin, Illinois.
Rudolph D. Lackman
Born August 8, 1878, Pekin, Illinois.
His parents were William P. and Ulary Lindenbaum Lackman.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph D. Lackman, Silver Street, Bradford, Illinois.
Children: Helen Velde (Ash), Edith Justina (Phenix) Virginia May (McIntosh), and James William Lackman

Notes: Sarah Justina Adelheide Velde Lackman, is the seventh child of Habbe and Susan Luppen Velde. She and her husband, Rudolph Lackman, are members of the Methodist Church in Bradford, Illinois, and he is a member of the Masonic Lodge. He is agent, for the Security Insurance Company of New Haven, Connecticut, with office in Bradford, Illinois.

Back Row Standing: Edith Phenix, Chester Phenix, Myron Ash, Thomas Ash, Helen Ash.
Front Row Standing: James Lackman, Rudolph Lackman, Sarah Velde Lackman, Anne McIntosh, Virginia McIntosh, Charles McIntosh, Jr.
Front Row Kneeling: Stephen Phenix and James M. Ash.

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Helen Velde Lackman
Born April 2, 1903, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Myron S. Ash, July 30, 1927, Bradford, Illinois.
Children: Thomas and James Ash.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Myron S. Ash, 3907 Woodland Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois.

Notes: Helen Lackman Ash, eldest child of Rudolph D. and Sarah Velde Lackman, is a graduate of Kno College, Galesburg, Illinois, and belonged to Zeta Pi-now Alpha Xi Delta-National Sorority while there.

Myron Ash is a graduate of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. He is a member of Ph Delta Theta fraternity and the Masonic Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Ash are members of the Congregational Church.

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Edith Justina Lackman Born April 9, 1907, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Chester B. Phenix, August 30, 1930, Bradford, Illinois.

Child: Stephen Bradwell Phenix

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Chester B. Phenix, 647 West Decatur Street, Decatur, Illinois.

Notes: Edith Justina Lackman Phenix, second daughter of Rudolph D. and Sarah Velde Lackman, i a graduate of the National Kindergarton School, Evanston, Illinois. Mr. Phenix attended Bradley University and the University of Illinois and is a member of Beta Phi Theta fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Phenix are members of the Methodist Church in Decatur, Illinois.

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Virginia May Lackman Born December 30, 1912, Bradford, Illinois.

Married Major Charles A. McIntosh, Junior, May 19, 1945, Pilzen, Czechoslovakia.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. McIntosh, Junior, 3824 Avondale Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Notes: Virginia May Lackman McIntosh, third daughter of Rudolph D. and Sarah Velde Lackman, is a graduate of the University of Iowa and a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority. War servic

Charles McIntosh, Junior, attended the University of Florida and is now, 1950, finishing his study for his B.S. degree at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, where he is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. He is a Mason, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. War service.

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James William Lackman Born April 9, 1916, Bradford, Illinois.

Address: Mr. James W. Lackman, 120 North Maplewood, Peoria, Illinois.

Notes: James William Lackman, youngest child of Rudolph D. and Sarah Velde Lackman is a gradu ate of Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, and is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity there. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Methodist Church. Mr. Lackman is now employed by the Travelers Insurance Company of Peoria, Illinois. War service.

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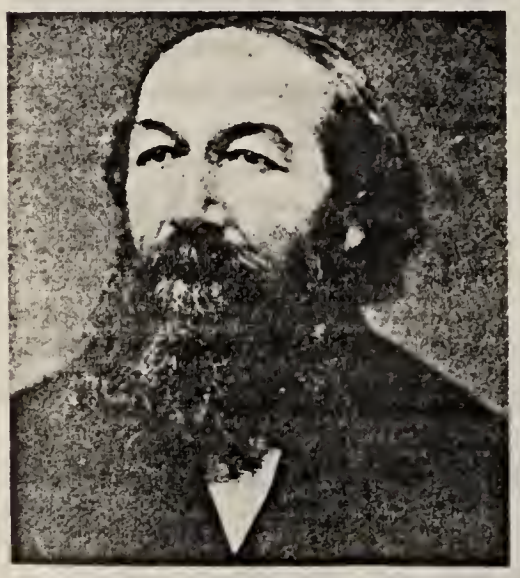

Charles G.F. Voigt

Dina L. Van der Velde (Wiardina Lupkes)
Born August 14, 1840, Wirdum, East Friesland.
Married first Charles (Carl) Gustavus Ferdinand Voigt, November 20, 1858, Kenosha, Wisconsin.
Married second Gerd Alfs.
Died December 1, 1922.
Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Ill.

Charles (Carl) Gustavus Ferdinand Voigt
Born December 12, 1829, Weimer, Germany.
Died February 24, 1884.
Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Ill.

Children: Johanna Caroline (Siebens), Franziska Theesina (1862-1864), Carson Lorenzo, and Clara Dina Susana (Maas)-adopted-1877-1922) Voigt.

Dina Van der Velde Voigt

Notes: Dina L. Van der Velde Voigt was the youngest child of Karsjens Theessen and Frouke Lupkes Van der Velde. She came to America with her parents when she was seven years old. She attended school in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and was a member of the Methodist Church there. She married Mr. Voig in Kenosha and soon after moved to Pekin, Illinois, where she lived the remainder of her life. She was a member of the Grace Methodist Church in Pekin, and was active in the Women's Societies of that Church.

Charles (Carl) Voigt came to this country when he was fourteen years old and went to Kenosha, Wisconsin, to work as a butcher. Soon after his marriage to Dina Van der Velde they removed to Pekin and purchased a farm on the Lick Creek road in Groveland township. He left no known relative in Germany when he came to America. His grandson, Oliver Voigt, states that the correct spelling of the name is Voigt not Voight.

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Johanna Caroline Voigt Born August 24, 1859.
Married Fred P. Siebens, fall of 1880.
Died December 17, 1895, Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Fred P. Siebens Born April 15, 1852.
Died May 29, 1904. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
His parents were Jurgens and Wopka Siebens.
Children: Fred P., Charles, Grace, Louis J., and Norma (Conery) Siebens.
Notes: Johanna Caroline Voigt, was the eldest child of Dina Van der Velde and Charles Voigt. She attended the Brush Hill country school and was a member of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church in Pekin, Illinois.

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Fred P. Siebens, Junior Born February 11, 1882, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Hattie Jacob, August, 1922.
Died August 20, 1941.
Notes: Fred P. Siebens, Junior, was the eldest child of Johanna Caroline Voigt and Fred P. Siebens. He was a member of the Grace Methodist Church, Pekin, Illinois, and the Masonic and Elks Lodge.

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Charles G. Siebens Born October 24, 1883.
Address: Mr. Charles G. Siebens 603 Catherine Street, Pekin, Illinois.
Notes: Charles G. Siebens is the second child of Johanna Caroline Voigt and Fred P. Siebens. He is employed as custodian at the Pekin Hospital, Pekin, Illinois.

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Grace Siebens Born January 2, 1887.
Address: Miss Grace Siebens, 603 Catherine Street, Pekin, Illinois.
Notes: Grace Siebens is the third child of Johanna C. Voigt and Fred P. Siebens. She is a member of the Grace Methodist Church, Pekin, Illinois.

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Louis J. Siebens Born April 4, 1889.
Died November 5, 1923.
Note: Louis J. Siebens was the fourth child of Johanna C. Voigt and Fred P. Siebens.

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Norma Siebens Born October 21, 1892.
Married Arthur Conery, September 1, 1922.
Child: Norma Jean Conery (Born February 24, 1927).
Notes: Norma Siebens is the fifth and youngest child of Johanna C. Voigt and Fred Siebens. She, her husband, and daughter are members of the Christian Science Church.

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Carson (Carl) Lorenzo Voigt
Born November 26, 1865, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Hanna F. Waechter, August 24, 1886.
Died January 17, 1949.
Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Hanna F. Waechter
Born March 8, 1865, Enger K. Prussia.
Died December 16, 1943.
Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Children: Oliver L. and Charles H. Voigt.
Notes: Carson Lorenzo Voigt, only son of Dina Van der Velde and Charles Voigt, attended Brush Hill country school and Pekin public schools. He then farmed and dairied on the "home place" that his father and mother had purchased in Groveland Township. Here their sons were born, and the family continued to reside here until the eldest son, Oliver, married in 1920. Mr. Voigt then retired and he and his wife moved to Pekin, Illinois, where they lived the remainder of their lives.

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Oliver L. Voigt
Born January 31, 1889, Groveland Township, Illinois.
Married Marie Mathilda Deppert, October 16, 1920.
Marie Mathilda Deppert
Born May 24, 1900, Groveland Township, Illinois.
Her parents were Henry and Mathilda Pagel Deppert. Mrs. Deppert was born in Germany; Mr. Deppert, in Pekin, Ill.

Carson L. and Hanna Waechter Voigt

Child: Evelyn Mathilda Voigt.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Voigt, R.R. 1, Pekin, Illinois.

Notes: Oliver L. Voigt, eldest son of Carson and Hanna Waechter Voigt, attended the Brush Hi country school then began farming with his father on the farm purchased by his grandfather Charls L. Voigt and now known as "The Hill Farm", in Groveland Township. He with his wife and daughter continue to reside here. The house, now one hundred years old, retains the charm of the homes of that day. It sits back from the highway on the banks of Lick Creek; it has floors on three level- feature much sought in the modern home-and the outside appearance is that of the newest of today It is now the home of the fourth generation in the same family, testifying to the stability of their immigrant great grandparents.

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Evelyn Mathilda Voigt Born February 27, 1932, Groveland Twp., Illinois
Address: Miss Evelyn Voigt, R.R. 1, Pekin, Illinois.

Notes: Evelyn Mathilda Voigt, only child of Oliver and Marie Deppert Voigt, attended Brush Hill rural school and graduated from Pekin Community High School, June, 1950. She is now employe at Shipper and Blocks, Pekin, Illinois.

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Charles H. Voigt Born 1887, Groveland Township, Illinois.
Died October 20, 1918, Liverpool, England. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Notes: Charles H. Voigt was the second son of Carson and Hanna Waechter Voigt. War service.

MARGARETHA THEESHEN van der VELDE

MARGARETHA van der VELDE

BORN FEBRUARY 17, 1796, EAST FRIESLAND.
MARRIED CONRAD H. SMITH (KOONRAAD HINDERK SMID),
HAMSWEHRUM, EAST FRIESLAND.
DIED 1861, PEKIN, ILLINOIS.
BURIED-LAKESIDE CEMETERY, PEKIN, ILLINOIS.
CONRAD H. SMITH (KOONRAAD HINDERK SMID (SMIDT).
BORN 1789, NETHERLANDS, PROBABLY HOLLAND.
DIED 1850, PEKIN, ILLINOIS.
BURIED-LAKESIDE CEMETERY, PEKIN, ILLINOIS.
Conrad H. Smith's parents were Kristina Koenraads and Hinderk Smid.

*Children: Teis (Thees). Frederick (Freevk), Christine (Onna), Louisa (Foelke) (Reinhardt-Block), Dietrich Conrad (Dirk) Smith (Smid).

Notes: Margaretha van der Velde Smith was the fifth child of Tees Carsjens and Tryntje Dirks van der Velde. She was registered in the church book of the Evangelical-Reformed Church of Wirdum, East Friesland as *Greitje Theesen van der Velde. This registration was made about the year 1815 when Margaretha was nineteen years old. She married her sister Foelke's widower, Conrad H. Smith, and they lived in Hamswehrum some twenty-five years before migrating to America.

Conrad H. Smith is named in the birth records of his children found in the Evangelical-Reformed Church register of Hamswehrum, East Friesland, as a Master smith. This designation means that he owned a smithy with a number of men working for him. Today he would be termed a manufacturer. The term "smith" was used for the workers in all kinds of metals. Margaretha and Conrad Smith's son Teis and his half-brother, Henry, came to America in 1848, influenced-no doubt-by the great migration of the members of the Dutch Reformed Church. Teis wrote his parents that America was a place where religious freedom was a fact and urged them to follow him here. Mr. and Mrs. Smith with their family set sail in 1849 for the United States. The journey from Hamswehrum, to Peoria, Illinois, took some thirteen weeks. They came by way of New Orleans, Louisana, stopping in St. Louis, Missouri, to join Henry and Teis. The entire family journeyed on to Peoria, Illinois, then to Pekin, Illinois, where they remained. Arthur Pieper Smith, a grandson, has the chair that was Conrad H. Smith's seat during the trip to America.

In a letter of July 25, 1950, addressed to Mrs. Winona Pfander, written by Dietrich Conrad Smith, Junior, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, is the following information: "Much of the information you ask for I cannot supply; as for instance, my great grandfather's name and occupation, nor why he left Holland, or changed his name from Smid to Smidt. It was Americanized over here. My information is that no Smith members were left behind at the time of their exodus." In this same letter Mr. D.C. Smith, Jr. inclosed an account of the Smith family after their arrival in America. He had written this history as he remembered his father, Dietrich Conrad Smith, telling it to him. In this history he writes of his grandfather, Conrad H. Smith: "He was a blacksmith, which occupation was considered somewhat superior in the trade at that time, due-probably-to the fact that a worker in iron (armorer) had been a very essential person to the nobility." A granddaughter, Mrs. Theresa Smith Harmel of Pekin, recalls that her grandfather and grandmother and their children spoke English fluently when they came to America, a fact which was, no doubt, a determining factor in their unusual success in the business and social life of Pekin, Illinois.

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Teis Smith (Thees Smid) Born March 26, 1827, Hamswherum, East Friesland.
Married first Elizabeth Johanna Neef, spring of 1852, Pekin, Illinois.
Married second Sieverdina Frerichs Neef, about 1865, Pekin, Illinois.
Died September 12, 1870, Pekin, Illinois. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Elizabeth Johanna Neef Born January 28, 1826, Germany.
Died June 9, 1862, Pekin, Illinois. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
She was the daughter of Dirk J. Neef.

*The spelling in parentheses of these names is that found in the registery of their births in the Evangelical Reformed Church of Hamswehrum, East Friesland.

*Greitje is the diminutive for the Dutch Gretchen. the German Margaretha, and the English Margaret.

Teis Smith

Sieverdina Frerichs Neef
Born September 12, 1834, Loquard, East Friesland.
Died June 14, 1920, Pekin, Illinois.
Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Ill.
She was the daughter of Frerich J. Neef brother to Dirk J. Neef.

Children of Teis and Elizabeth Neef Smith: Conrad (1853-1864), Jacob(Born and died 1855) Margarethe Christine (Neef), Dietrich (Born and died 1858), Helena (1859-1862), and Elizabeth (Born and died 1862) Smith.

Children of Teis and Sieverdina Neef Smith: Henry F., Franklin J. (1868-1870), Theresa Johanna Christine (Harmel) Smith. The deceased children are buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Sieverdina Neef Smith

Notes: Teis Smith, eldest child of Margaretha van der Velde and Conrad H. Smith, was educated in Hamswehrum, East Friesland. He received a practical business education and learned the trade of wagon making. He immigrated to America in the spring of 1848.He went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he worked for nearly one year at his trad of wagon making. In the spring of 1849 his family joined him in St. Louis and soon after this they removed to Peoria, Illinois, and then Pekin, Illinois. This same year, Teis Smith and his half-brother, Henry, and his brother, Frederick, bought a small blacksmith shop, located on the corner of Third and Ann Eliza streets, Pekin, Illinois, from a Mr. Alright of Pekin, and organized the firm of T.& H. Smith and Company, wagon makers. In 1850, Teis' half-sister, Catherine, and her hus band, Luppe Luppen, and their children came to Pekin from Hamswehrum, East Friesland, to make thei home. Luppe Luppen immediately joined the T.& H. Smith and Company as superintendent of the machin department. A few years later Habbe van der Velde, a cousin, of the Smith men, left Wisconsin, and came to Pekin to be a member of this growing firm. The youngest brother, Dietrich, began his business career by becoming a member of this firm as soon as he was old enough. But it was Teis Smith who was the organizer and supervisor of this and the other business concerns which he established and led to success in his short twenty years in this country before his early death in 1870. His kindly personal interest in his employees, and his excellent work as a wagon maker made him the friend and leader of his men. He several times went to New Orleans, Louisiana, to meet the ships which were bringing friends from Europe and accompanied these strangers to Pekin to help them in their new experiences. Many of them began their business careers as workers in the Smith shops.

By 1870, this small, wagon making shop, housed in a shanty, had grown so that it requied a three story building that covered the entire block and was the oldest, the most extensive and prosperous manufacturing concern in the city. At the time of his death Mr. Smith was the head of six other prominent buinsess firms in Pekin, Illinois. They were: Smith, Hippen & Company, grain merchants, organized in 1857; Smith, Velde & Company, dealer in hardware and agricultural implements, organized in 1858; Smith, Blonkhahn & Company, lumber dealers, organized in 1861; Teis Smith & Company, bankers, organized in 1866; Bonk and Company, dry goods dealers, organized in 1866; and Henry Velde & Company, grocery dealers, organized in 1866. He was also a director of the I.B.& W. railway; of the Chicago, Pekin, and Southwestern, railway; and the Pekin, Lincoln, and Decatur railway. He was a trustee and prominent member of the Pekin Agricultural and Mechical Society, and a member of the Pekin Railroad Construction Company.

Mr. Smith's many business interests did not deter him from taking an active interest in the civic affairs of his state and city. He was a member of the State Board of Equalization from his (the eleventh) senatorial district; a member of the Board of Supervisors, and represented the third ward in the city council as alderman. Soon after his arrival in Pekin, he became a member of the Methodist Church and was a zealous and consistent worker in this Church. He took an active part in the erection of the German (now Grace) Methodist Episcopal Church in Pekin.

In 1864, Mr. Teis Smith returned to Europe. His daughter, Mrs. J.W. Harmel, treasures his diary in which he made notes previous to and on his journey. He left Pekin, Illinois, June 14, 1864, sailed from New York, June 18, 1864, for Liverpool, England. He traveled extensively in England, sight-seeing and studying the factories at Sheffield, England. He visited many old friends in East Friesland and Germany and carried messages and photographs to friends and relatives in Europe from the immigrants here. His last entry concerning the trip was made October 10, 1864, "Monday by ten o'clock, New York". He had embarked for home at five a.m. September 25, Sunday, 1864

Some of the entries are these: He was to deliver Fred Smith's pictures to Lieutjen Roelfs, Teis van der Velde, Foeke van der Velde, and Teis or Jann Baker. John Velde's photographs were to

be given to Chr. Hammer, Teis van der Velde, and L. Roelfs. He lists numerous other persons whom he has visited, several of whom are migrating to America with Mr. Smith when he returns. He comments at Liepzig; "tired of looking at big towns" again "the Dirks family (his grandmother's people) is not doing well because its unjust taxes". In Hamswehrum he visited the Lieutjen Roelfs and in Leer he saw Tina and Henry. Mr. Smith wrote at some length of his experiences at sea: the sermons, his complete faith in God's care, his meals, his companions and his sea sickness. This diary in indeed, a very interesting and unusual family possession.

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Margarethe Christine Smith
Born March 19, 1856, Pekin, Illinois.
Married John H.F. Neef, January 13, 1875,Pekin, Illinois.
Died December 29, 1944.
Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
John H.F. Neef
Born November 4, 1849.
Died January 23, 1888.
Buried Leer, East Friesland.
His parents were Frerich J. and Frauke Leiners Neef.
Children: Frederick (Died in Europe; buried-Leer, East Friesland), Franklin, Theresa Elizabeth (Shadley), Lenora, and Elmer O. Neef.

Notes: Margarethe C. Smith Neef, third child of Teis and Elizabeth Neef Smith, attended MacMurray College, Jacksonville Illinois, where she became a member of Phi Nu sorority. While still in her teens she married John H.F. Neef at a brilliant wedding in the German Methodist Church, Pekin, Illinois. They lived several years in Oldenburg, East Friesland, Germany, where Mr. Neef was the foreign representative of a firm importing pure-bred horses to the United States and at Lugabireum near Leer, East Friesland, where Mr. Neef died. Margarethe then returned to America to live, first in Pekin, and later in Denver and Boulder, Colorado. Margarethe was fourteen when her father died, but she had many memories of him. She recalled standing on Court Street and cheering while Abraham Lincoln rode by with her father in one of the Smith carriages, and the day her father came home and lay on the couch, crying "My best friend has been killed!" The assassin had shot Lincoln. She told that in her earlier years with no sidewalks except some board ones built by citizens just in front of their houses, her father carried her to a Christmas program at the Methodist Church then located at the corner of Fourth and Caroline Street. The Christmas tree was made of graduated hooks wired to a center stick or pole-the whole decorated with colored cloth and candles. Margarethe remained a staunch Republican in politics, in which she was deeply interested and active; an ardent Methodist in her spiritual life; a traveler, visiting in California and often returning to her native Pekin frequently.

Margarethe C. Smith Neef, daughter Leonora Neef, and granddaughter Margarethe Neef Dickinson.

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Franklin Neef Born July 11, 1876.
Died June 14, 1902. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Notes: Franklin Neef, second child of Margarethe C. Smith and John H.F. Neef, was a Spanish American War Veteran.

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Theresa Elizabeth M. Neef Born October 3, 1877, Oldenburg, Germany.
Married John Shadley, April 12, 1927, Boulder, Colorado.
John Shadley Born January 15, 1859.
Died September 21, 1940. Buried-Boulder, Colorado.
His parents were Mr. and Mrs. William Shadley, Casey, Illinois.
Address: Mrs. John Shadley, 705 Maxwell Avenue, Boulder, Colorado.

Notes: Theresa Neef Shadley, third child of Margarethe and John H.F. Neef, was educated in the schools in Germany, and in Pekin, Illinois. She was active in the Union Mission, Pekin, Illinois, as a Sunday School teacher and worker until moving to Colorado. There she is a member of the W.C.T.U., the Republican Women's Club, and is influential in the Methodist Church of Boulder, Colorado.

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Lenora Neef Born November 20, 1878, Oldenburg, Germany.
Married June 4, 1908, Los Angeles, California.

Address: Mrs. Lenora Neef, 1444 Josephine Street, Denver, Colorado.
Child: Margarethe Theresa Neef Dickinson.
Notes: Lenora Neef is the fourth child of Margarethe C. Smith and John H.F. Neef.

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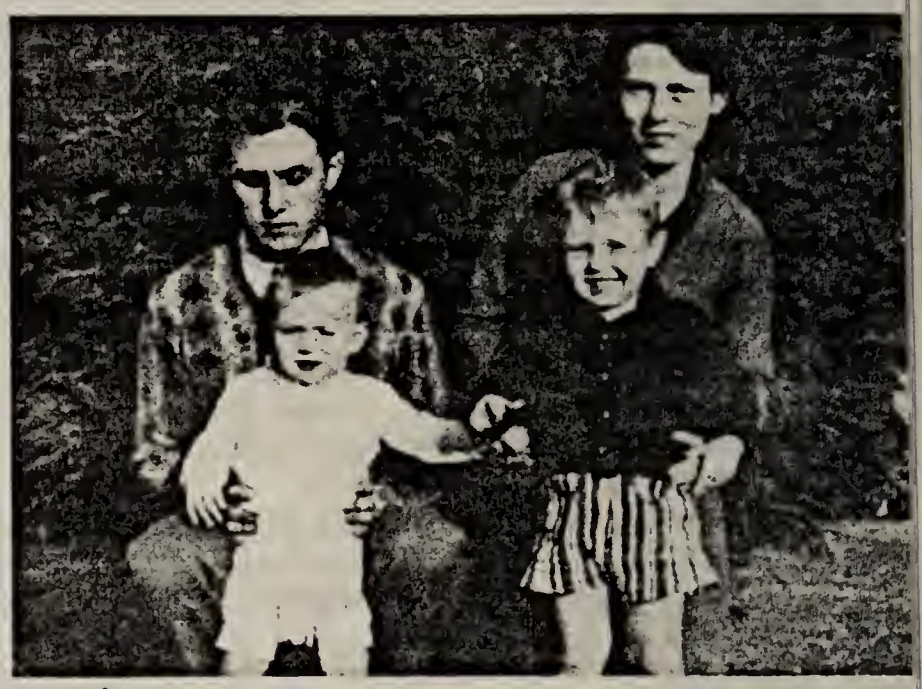
Margarethe Theresa Neef
Born March 27, 1909, Peoria, Illinois.
Married Lieutenant Commander Russell C. Dickinson, USN, October 17, 1931, Tribune, Kansas.
Russell C. Dickinson
Born December 17, 1909, Portland, Colorado.
His parents are Ray Vene and Pearl Starks Dickinson.
Children: Richard V. and Donald R. Dickinson.
Address: Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. Russell C. Dickinson, 1772 Gundry Avenue, Long Beach, California-at present-3851 South G. street, Tacoma, Washington.



Russell and Margarethe Dickinson
Donald and Richard Dickinson

Notes: Margarethe Theresa, only child of Mrs. Lenora Neef, is a graduate of the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, and the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. She has a B.A. degree and a B.E. degree. She is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, educational honor fraternity. While Lieutenant Commander Dickinson was serving in World War II, the family lived in a number of places-New York, Texas, Washington State, and California, and Mrs. Dickinson taught in the schools in these places. She is a member of the Methodist Church.

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Richard V. Dickinson — Born April 5, 1933, Boulder, Colorado.
Notes: Richard V. Dickinson, eldest son of Margarethe Theresa and Russell C. Dickinson, is in the Naval Reserves at Long Beach, California.

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Donald R. Dickinson — Born July 14, 1934, Boulder, Colorado.
Notes: Donald R. Dickinson is the youngest son of Margarethe Theresa and Russell C. Dickinson.

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Elmer O. Neef — Born December 7, 1881, Oldenburg, Germany.
Married Kathryn Prettyman, March 6, 1905, Pekin, Illinois.
Kathryn Prettyman — Born March 11, 1883, Pekin, Illinois.
Her parents were Jacob and Belle Brookings Prettyman of Havana, Illinois.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer O. Neef, R.R. 3, Canton, Illinois.
Children: Norma (Young), Margaret L. (Schlesinger), Richard H., Elmer O. Jr., and Harold Neef.
Notes: Elmer O. Neef, youngest child of Margarethe C. Smith and John H.F. Neef, was educated in the Pekin Public Schools and played on the Pekin White-Sox football team while in high school. He was Town Clerk, Circuit Clerk's Office, Pekin, Illinois, 1908-1912 and served on the Pekin City Council, 1913-1917. Served as Representative to Illinois State Legislature, 1917-1918. He is a member of the Elks Club.

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Norma V. Neef — Born March 6, 1906, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Samuel Young, October 24, 1929, Kingshighway Methodist Church, Brooklyn, New York.
Samuel Young — Born May 15, 1893, New York City, New York.
His parents are Barney and Jeanette Cooper Young.
Children: Barbara J. and June M. Young.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Young, 295 Parkside Avenue, Brooklyn 25, New York.
Notes: Norma V. Neef, first child of Elmer O. and Kathryn Prettyman Neef is a graduate of Pekin High School. She is a member of the Methodist Church and the New York State Realty Board Agents. Samuel Young is a graduate of a New York City High School and a member of the Congregational Church.

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Barbara J. Young — Born January 23, 1933, Brooklyn, New York.
Notes: Barbara J. Young, eldest daughter of Norma V. Neef and Samuel Young, is now a student at Hunter College, New York City, New York.

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June M. Young — Born June 25, 1936, Brooklyn, New York

Notes: June M. Young, youngest daughter of Norma V. Neef and Samuel Young, will be a student at Erasmus Hall, Brooklyn. New York, (1950).

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Margaret Neef — Born February 25, 1908, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Thorolf E. Schlesinger, June 26, 1929, Chicago, Illinois.
Thorolf E. Schlesinger — Born in Norway.
Child: William Dean Schlesinger.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Thorolf E. Schlesinger, 1419 North Glendale Avenue, Peoria, Illinois.
Notes: Margaret Neef Schlesinger is the second child of Elmer O. and Kathryn Prettyman Neef.

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William Dean Schlesinger — Born June 10, 1931, Chicago, Illinois.
Address: Mr. William Dean Schlesinger, 1419 North Glendale, Peoria, Illinois.
Notes: William Dean Schlesinger, only child of Margaret Neef and Thorolf Schlesinger, graduated in 1949, from Woodruff High School, Peoria, Illinois. While in high school he was center on the varsity football team and catcher on the baseball team. He was a student of Business Administration. in Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, until he applied for enlistment in the Caterpillar Engineers, a company now on duty in the Korean War. War service.

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Richard H. Neef — Born December 11, 1909, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Viola Ellis, April 15, 1934, Crown Point, Indiana.
Viola Ellis — Born November 17, 1914, Quincy, Illinois.
Child: Arlene Neef
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Neef, 2504 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago 39, Illinois.
Notes: Richard H. Neef, third child of Elmer O. and Kathryn Prettyman Neef, attended the Pekin Public Schools and the Freight Traffic Institute, Chicago, Illinois. He served in World War II.

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Arlene Neef — Born September 20, 1935, Chicago, Illinois.
Notes: Arlene Neef, only child of Richard H. and Viola Ellis Neef, is a student in a Chicago High School.

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Elmer O. Neef, Junior — Born November 1, 1911, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Edna Van Caster, August 31, 1940, St. Louis, Missouri.
Edna Van Caster — Born Hurley, Wisconsin, October 1, 1911.
Her parents are August and Anna Gilbert Van Caster.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer O. Neef, Junior, 2003 Sheridan Road, Peoria, Illinois.
Notes: Elmer O. Neef, Junior, fourth child of Elmer O. and Kathryn Prettyman Neef, is a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Elks, the Moose and the Methodist Church. For eighteen years he was with the Retail Service Bakeries. He is now employed by the Meyercord Company, Chicago, Illinois.

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Harold Neef — Born September 19, 1914, Pekin, Illinois.
Address: Mr. Harold Neef, 1419 North Glendale Avenue, Peoria, Illinois.
Notes: Harold Neef, fifth child of Elmer O. and Kathryn Prettyman Neef, is Business Manager for Soft-ball Leagues, and the Peoria Athletic Association. He is a student of voice and is interested in radio.

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Families of the children of Teis Smith and Sieverdina Neef Smith.

Henry F. Smith — Born February 18, 1866, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Lena Steinmetz, October 27, 1886, at the Steinmetz residence, Pekin, Illinois.
Died April 21, 1898. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Lena Steinmetz — Born May 23, 1866, Pekin, Illinois.
Died June 9, 1933. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Her parents were Peter and Freederika Roos Steinmetz.
Children: Mary Lou (Klein), Lorraine (Heisel), and Teis Peter George Smith.
Notes: Henry F. Smith, eldest child of Teis and Sieverdina Neef Smith, attended the Pekin Schools, Warrentown College, and Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois. He is with the American National Bank, Pekin, Illinois.

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Mary Lou Smith — Born September 8, 1882, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Ludwig Klein, February 21, 1914, Pekin, Illinois.
Ludwig Klein — Born February 2, 1877, Utrect, Austria.
Died 1918. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois. Parents-Wilhelm and Mary Klein.
Address: Mrs. Ludwig Klein, 907 Washington Street, Pekin, Illinois.

Notes: Mary Lou Smith Klein is the eldest child of Henry F. and Lena Steinmetz Smith. Mrs. Klein travels extensively. She has visited all the interesting places in the United States, Hawaii, and Alaska. Her travels include trips to Panama, Jamaca, Trinidad, Cuba, Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela, the Barbados Islands, Mexico and Central America. She has enjoyed several interesting journeys in England, Scotland, Scandinavia and on the Continent. However, her most exciting trip was a flight by seaplane over the Arctic Circle to Bodoe, then to Narwich where she saw much destruction resulting from the war. While in Bodoe she met a group of Americans who were there in the interest of the Marshal Plan. She states that her "Aunt Tacie Harmel" started her on her travels by taking her to Bloomington to be photographed and to St. Louis on the steamer "Bald Eagle".

Ludwig Klein was a chemical engineer with the Fleishman Yeast Company, New York City, New York. He invented several pieces of machinery used in his work as chemical engineer. He was a master of seven languages.

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Lorraine Smith — Born July 18, 1890, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Albert C. Heisel, November 9, 1916, Pekin, Illinois.
Albert C. Heisel — Born October 18, 1883, Pekin, Illinois.
Died May 5, 1938. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
His parents were Philip and Mary Hobe Heisel.
Address: Mrs. Albert C. Heisel, 909 Washington Street, Pekin, Illinois.

Notes: Lorraine Smith Heisel is the second child of Henry F. and Lena Steinmetz Smith. She is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Pekin, Illinois.

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Teis Peter George Smith — Born June 24, 1893, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Florence Sloan, October 14, 1915, Danville, Illinois.
Died May 19, 1938. Buried-Danville, Illinois.
Florence Sloan — Born September 15, 1894, Danville, Illinois.
Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Sloan of Danville, Illinois.
Child: Teis Peter Smith (Born 1916, died 1917).
Address: Mrs. Teis Smith, Orchard Avenue, Danville, Illinois.

Notes: Teis Smith, youngest child of Henry F. and Lena Steinmetz Smith, attended Western Military Academy at Alton, Illinois, and Notre Dame University, Great Bend, Indiana. He was affiliated with the Sugar Creek Creamery at Danville, Illinois, and served on the Illinois State Agrecultural Board.

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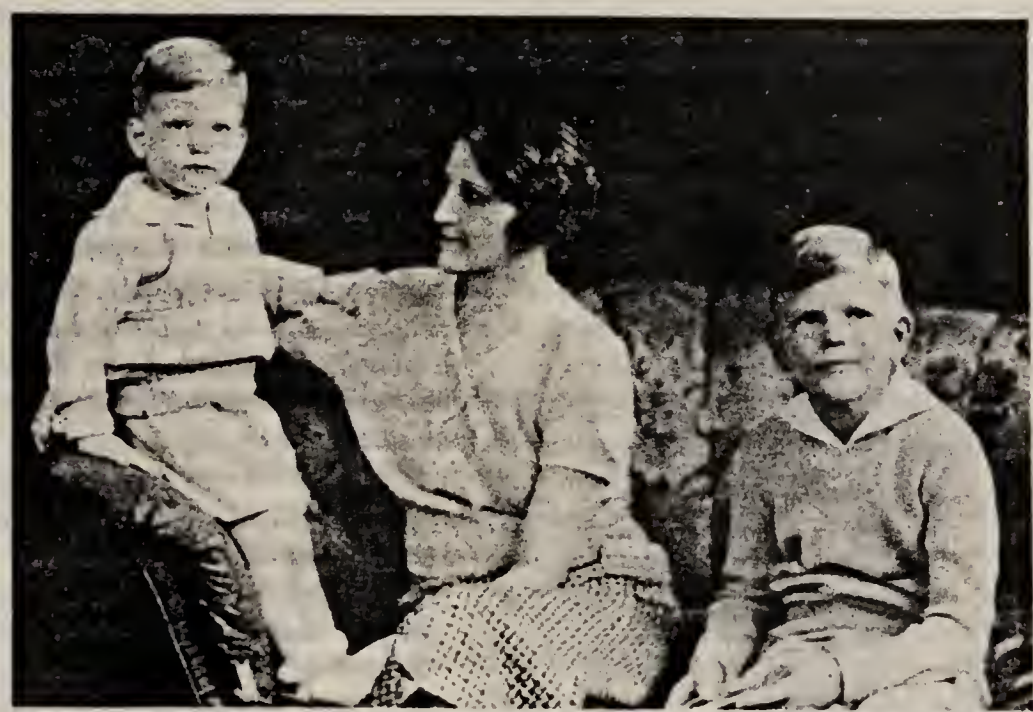
Theresa Johanna Christine Smith
Born April 16, 1870, 504 North Fourth Street, Pekin, Illinois.
Married John Wesley Harmel, December 22, 1891 by Reverend E.C. Margaret, at 504 North Fourth Street, Pekin, Illinois.
John Wesley Harmel
Born September 22, 1862, Lansing, Iowa.
His parents were Reverend Louis Harmel and Mathilda Franz Harmel.
Died September 16, 1937. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Address: Mrs. J.W. Harmel, 504 North Fourth Street, Pekin, Illinois.
Children: Sieverdena Mathilda Louise (Eden), Alma Theresa, Carl Smith (Born June 29, 1898, died November 8, 1898. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois), Huldah Marie (Wehner), and Louis Henry Harmel.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmel and Margarethe Smith Neef and daughter, Lenora Neef Shadley.

Notes: Theresa Johanna Christine Smith Harmel, third child of Teis and Sieverdina Neef Smith, attended the Pekin schools then studied at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount,Pleasant, Iowa. She later studied Art at Bloomington, Illinois, working in still life and landscape with oil as her favorite medium. While at Iowa Wesleyan she became a member of the original chapter A of P.E.O.

John Wesley Harmel was a graduate of McKindree College. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Harmel lived in Halstead, Kansas, where he was associated with the Warkentin Milling interests. They soon returned to Pekin to make their permanent home, and Mrs. Harmel now resides in her beautiful home which was her birthplace.

Fred James and Jean Wagner Eden



Sieverdena Mathilda Louise Harmel Eden
and Fred James Jr. and Alan Whitney Eden

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Sieverdena Mathilda Louise Harmel
Born November 18, 1892, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Fred James Eden, December 24,1919,Washington,D.C.
Died April 22, 1933. Buried-Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

Fred James Eden
Born March 24, 1896, Pekin, Illinois.
His parents were Jan D. and Rentje Eden, Pekin, Illinois.

Children: Fred James Jr. and Alan Whitney Eden.

Notes: Sieverdena Harmel Eden, eldest child of Theresa Smith and J.W. Harmel, was valedictorian of her high school class in Pekin, Illinois. She attended MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Illinois, where she was a member of Belles Lettres Society; and Law School, Washington, D.C. She was Pastor's Assistant, Pittsburg Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and worked in Social Service in New York City, New York. She was talented in art and creative writing. Fred James Eden is Auditor, Federal District Court for District of Columbia.

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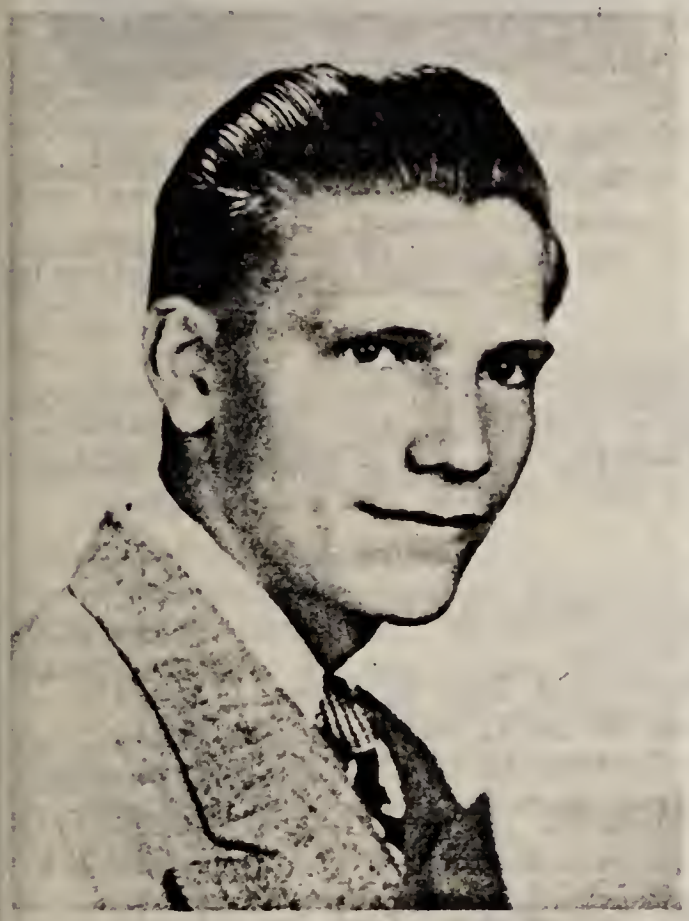

Alan Whitney Eden

Fred James Eden, Junior
Born May 16, 1924, Washington, D.C.
Married Jean Wagner, December 18, 1948, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Westgate, Maryland.

Mary Jean Wagner
Born April 17, 1925, Wheeling, West Virginia.
Her parents are Adam Louis and Margaret Rentshler Wagner of Wheeling, West Virginia.

Child: Jan Erik Eden (Born June 11, 1950, Washington, D.C.)

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Fred James Eden, 3132 Parkway Terrace Drive, Apt. 8, Washington 20, D.C.

Notes: Fred James Eden is the oldest child of Sieverdena Mathilda Louise Harmel and Fred James Eden. He is a graduate of American University, Washington, D.C. His college fraternities are: Alpha Sigma Phi, social fraternity; Omricon Delta Kappa, National Honor Society for Men; and Alpha Psi Omega, National Honorary Dramatic Society. He received a M.A. degree in 1950, from the Catholic University, Washington, D.C. and worked for a time as script writer and announcer for NBC, Washington, D.C. His present occupation is Teacher of English Literature, Landon School, Bethesda, Maryland. He served in World War II.

Mary Jean Wagner Eden was graduated from Wooster College, Ohio, in 1946.

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Alan Whitney Eden Born December 1, 1930, Washington, D.C.
Address: Mr. Alan Whitney Eden, 4726 Brandywine, N.W. Washington 5, D.C.

Notes: Alan W. Eden is the second child of Sieverdena Mathilda Louise Harmel and Fred J. Eden. He was an Honor Graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, Washington, D.C. He is presently attending Montgomery Junior College, Tacoma Park, Maryland.

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Theresa Smith Harmel in her bridal gown.

Alma Theresa Harmel
Born January 15, 1896, Pekin, Illinois.
Address: Miss Alma T. Harmel, 504 North Fourth Street, Pekin, Illinois.

Notes: Alma Theresa Harmel, second child of Theresa Christine Smith and John W. Harmel, is a graduate of MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Illinois, where she received a B.A. degree and was a member of Belles Lettres Society. She did graduate work in Dramatic Art in New York City and is now a Director of Religious Drama productions.

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Huldah Marie Harmel
Born March 22, 1900, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Walter E. Wehner, August, 1941, 504 North Fourth Street, Pekin, Illinois.

Walter E. Wehner
Born December 24, 1898. His parents were Fred and Anna Waechter Wehner.

Peg Tuschhoff, Huldah Harmel Wehner, Theresa Smith Harmel and Alma T. Harmel. Mrs. Theresa Smith Harmel's eightieth birthday

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Wehner, 406 Henrietta Street, Pekin, Illinois.

Notes: Huldah Marie Harmel Wehner, third child of Theresa Christine Smith and John W. Harmel, received a B.A. degree from Mac Murray College, Jacksonville, Illinois, and was a member of Belles Lettres Society there. She then took the National Training Course for Y.W.C.A. and was General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. In Pekin, Illinois.

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Louis Henry Harmel Born August 1, 1905, Pekin, Illinois.
Died January 22, 1933. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Notes: Louis Henry Harmel, youngest child of Theresa Christine Smith and John W. Harmel, was a graduate of the Pekin High School. He then attended George William College, Chicago, Illinois, where he was a member of ACA fraternity. He also studied at the University of Chicago and at the Chicago Art Institute, Chicago, Illinois, specializing in Sculpture. At the time of his death he was a Boy Scout Official in Pekin, Illinois.

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Frederick C. Smith (Freevk Smid) Born June 20, 1829, Hamswehrum, East Friesland.
Married Louise Eleanor Grondenberg, May 6, 1855, Pekin, Illinois.
Died December 4, 1890, Jacksonville, Illinois. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Louise Eleanor Grondenberg Born October 18, 1836, Hedecke, Prussia.
Died 1908, Harpster, Idaho. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Her mother was Catherine Grondenberg, born January 6, 1787, died March 23, 1884. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois. Her grave stone reads Grandma Grondenberg.

Children: Conrad (1858-1859), Frederick F., Conrad F., Charlotte M. (Surridge), Abraham Lincoln (Linc), George A., Louis, Teis, Margarethe Centemella (Abrahams) and Charles Smith.

Notes: Frederick C. Smith, second son of Margaretha van der Velde and Conrad H. Smith, was educated in the schools of Hamswehrum, East Friesland, and came to Pekin, Illinois, in August, 1849. He joined his brother, Teis, and his half-brother, Henry, in forming the T.& H. Smith & Company, wagon makers, in Pekin, Illinois. He represented the firm as salesman and purchasing

Frederick Smith

agent. As salesman he traveled into the South and West of the United States. He was public spirited and enterprising and was successful in introducing and selling the products of the factory in the areas in which he traveled. He was a member of the German Methodist Church in Pekin, Illinois. While on a business trip, he met his death in a train wreck at Jacksonville, Illinois.

Louise Eleanor Grondenberg Smith came to Pekin, Illinois, with her parents in 1850 and lived there continuously until 1906. She then went to visit her daughter, Charlotte Surridge, at Harpster, Idaho, where she died. At the time of her death, five of her six surviving sons, Fred, Conrad, Louis, Teis, and Charles lived in Idaho and her son Lincoln lived in Washington State. Later, Charles located in California.

Louise Grondenberg Smith

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Frederick F. Smith — Born January 26, 1859, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Nellie Prettyman.
Died March 17, 1923, Tolland, Colorado. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Nellie Prettyman — Born January 26, 1861.
Died 1939. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Children: Benjamin Frederick and Sarah (1884-1889) Smith.

Notes: Frederick F. Smith, second son of Frederick C. and Louise Grondenberg Smith, attended the Pekin schools and later studied in Berlin, Germany. He was a gold miner in the West. He also was hunter and fisherman enjoying many trips in the Rocky Mountains. He and his younger brother Conrad were inseparable companions throughout their lives and met their deaths together in a Colorado Blizzard. An account of this tragedy is given under notes concerning Conrad F. Smith.

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Benjamin Frederick Smith — Born 1882, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Elsa Saal.
Elsa Saal — Born 1882.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Smith, 800 Washington Street, Pekin, Illinois.
Children: Margaret Louise (Schustek) and Sarah Ann (Giesecke) Smith.

Notes: Benjamin F. Smith, eldest child of Frederick F. and Nellie Prettyman Smith, is engaged in the Insurance Business, Pekin, Illinois.

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Margaret Louise Smith — Born 1912.
Married Ivan Donald Schustek.
Children: Sarah Anne (Born 1935) and Donald Ivan (Born 1936) Schustek.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Donald Schustek, 5236 Glenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Notes: Margaret Louise Smith is the eldest child of Benjamin F. and Elsa Saal Smith.

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Sarah Ann Smith — Born 1919.
Married Frederick A. Giesecke.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Giesecke, Chicago, Illinois.

Notes: Sarah Ann Smith Giesecke is the second daughter of Benjamin F. and Elsa Saal Smith.

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Conrad F. Smith — Born August 26, 1861, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Susan Westerman, October 9, 1884, Pekin, Illinois.
Died March 17, 1923, Tolland, Colorado. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Child: Henry Smith

Notes: Conrad F. Smith, third son of Frederick and Louise Grondenberg Smith, attended the Pekin schools then, with his brother Fred, studied in Berlin, Germany. He spent his early days helping his father in the bookkeeping department of the Smith Wagon Works. Later he, like his brother Fred, was a gold miner, hunter, and fisherman. He and his brother Fred left Pekin, Illinois, about 1900, and engaged in gold mining with their brother-in-law in Idaho. They were very fond of hunting and not infrequently spent weeks and even months in the wilds, sometimes going into Canada where they braved the severest weather. A few months before their deaths they had gone to Tolland, Colorado, near Denver to dig a tunnel for the Mammoth Development mine of Tolland, Their cousins, John B. Look

and Henry Grondenberg, were then residing in Denver. Fred and Conrad Smith were living in a cabin five miles from Tolland, Colorado, while digging the mine tunnel. They had gone to Tolland to purchase supplies and as they started to return to their cabin had told friends that they would return to Tolland at the end of the week. When they did not return as expected their friends became alarmed as a severe blizzard had been raging since they left Tolland, and a searching party was organized. The brother were found wrapped in their blankets, frozen, within a half mile of their cabin. Their horse and sled were found a mile from the cabin.

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Charlotte M. Smith Born October 1, 1863, Pekin, Illinois.
Married James Surridge, January 15, 1900.
Died February 18, 1927. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
James Surridge Born July 3, 1847, England.
Died December 24, 1934, Washington State Hospital Masonic Home.
Notes: Charlotte M. Surridge was the fourth child of Frederick C. and Louise Grondenberg Smith. She was crippled when a child by infantile paralysis. Her brothers and sister were always kind to her and took her with them in their play, in a wagon in summer and on an especially built sled in winter She enjoyed needlework and painting and became expert in both. She studied at one of the best Art Schools, specializing in landscapes.

James Surridge was a live stock rancher in Idaho County, Idaho. He was the first man to import thoroughbred Clyesdale horses into Northern Idaho and his breeding farm was nationally famous. He also was a stock holder in a gold mine near Harpster, Idaho, his home. He was a veteran of the Bannock Indian war and a frontiersman of the old school. He was a life long Democrat representing Idaho County, Idaho, in the state legislature in 1922 and was prominent in political affairs for more than fifty years.

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Abraham Lincoln (Linc) Smith Born September 12, 1866, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Ruhe Brown, April 5, 1915, Mt. Vernon, Washington State.
Died March 21, 1947.
Notes: Abraham Lincoln Smith was the fifth child of Frederick C. and Louise Grondenberg Smith. He migrated West and was a sheepherder. Later he and his wife had a chicken farm, often making shipments of their produce as far as New York City.

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Goerge A. Smith Born March 8, 1869, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Catherine Luick, August 12, 1891, Pekin, Illinois.
Died September 9, 1897. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Catherine Luick Born October 11, 1868, Pekin, Illinois.
Married second William Gibson of Pekin, Illinois.
Her parents were George and Margaret Hoffman Luick.
Address: Mrs. William Gibson, 600 South Fifth Street, Pekin, Illinois.
Child: Louise (Rees) Smith.
Notes: George A. Smith was the sixth child of Frederick C. and Louise Grondenberg Smith. He was one of the first carriers in the mail delivery service to offices and homes in Pekin, Illinois.

# # #

Louise Smith Born June 13, 1894, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Albert Rees, June 16, 1914, Hale Center, Texas.
Albert Rees Born December 11, 1892, West Plains, Missouri.
His parents were Edward and Augusta Ploger Rees.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rees, 600 South Fifth Street, Pekin, Illinois.
Child: James Rees
Notes: Louise Smith Rees is the only child of George A. and Catherine Luick Smith. She and her husband owned and conducted for twenty years the White and Rees Restaurant on Court Street, Pekin, Illinois. This restaurant was owned by the Rees family for fifty-two years. For fifty of these years, twenty-four hour service had been maintained so continuously that there were no keys to the door. The restaurant was sold four years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Rees are members of the St. Paul Evangelical Church of Pekin, and he is active in the Elks Club of Pekin, Illinois.

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James Edward Rees Born November 10, 1915, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Marcelle E. Morris, January 29, 1944, Pekin, Illinois.
Marcelle E. Morris Born March 26, 1917, South Pekin, Illinois.
Her parents are Roger and Cleda Schmidt Morris, South Pekin, Illinois.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. James Rees, 310 South Capitol Street, Pekin, Illinois.
Notes: James Rees is the only child of Louise Smith and Albert Rees. He graduated from high school in 1935 and entered Bradley University. He transferred to the University of Southern

California at Los Angeles for his Sophomore year, then returned to Bradley and was graduated in 1939. He served in the Army in World War II. He is a member of the Elks Club and the Masons of Pekin, Illinois.

# # # #

Louis Smith Born August 13, 1871, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Mamie Warren, 1892, Pekin, Illinois.
Died June 15, 1918. Buried-Denver, Colorado.
Mamie Warren Born September 9, 1872, Elgin, Illinois.
Her parents were Albert R. Warren, M.D. and Mary J. Warren.
Child: Warren F. Smith
Address: Mrs. Louis Smith, 305 South Anita Avenue, West Los Angeles 49, California.
Notes: Louis Smith was the seventh child of Frederick C. and Louise Grondenberg Smith. He attended Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

# # #

Warren F. Smith Born June 21, 1894, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Florence Matchette, April 28, 1926, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Florence Matchette Born November 13, 1897, near New Castle, Indiana.
Her parents were David H. and Mary Zora Vorea Matchette.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith, 310 Cedar Drive, New Orleans 20, Louisiana.
Child: Louis Smith II
Notes: Warren F. Smith, only child of Louis and Mamie Warren Smith, attended the Pekin Schools. After his service in World War I he accepted a position with the Lone Star Cement Corporation and completed twenty-five years service with them on April 1, 1950. His entire service has been in sales work and at present he is Sales Manager of the Louisiana Division of the Corporation. He is a member of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, and served on the Board of Stewards of this church. His hobbies are photography and magic. He has been a member of the Society of American Magicians for the past fourteen years.

Florence Matchette Smith is a Registered Graduate Nurse. She received her training at the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana and maintains her registration as R.N. She is a member of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, and is active in its Women's Organizations.

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Louis Smith II Born October 6, 1929, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Address: Mr. Louis Smith, 310 Cedar Drive, New Orleans 20, Louisiana.
Notes: Mr. Louis Smith is the only child of Warren F. and Florence Matchette Smith. He is a student in Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana. He is active in the work of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church of which he is a member.

# # # #

Teis Smith Born December 30, 1873, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Jessie Franks, Pekin, Illinois.
Died May 28, 1920, New Plymouth, Idaho.
Children: Two (Died in infancy).
Notes: Teis Smith was the eighth child of Frederick and Louise Grondenberg Smith. He managed a fruit farm for many years at New Plymouth, Idaho.

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Margarethe Centemella Smith
Born October 3, 1876, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Dietrich H. Abrahams, April 27, 1898, Pekin, Illinois.
Dietrich H. Abrahams
Born 1871.
Died 1946. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
His parents were Enno and Dorothea Weeken Abrahams.
Address: Mrs. D.H. Abrahams, 2606 East Seventy-third Street, Chicago 29, Illinois.
Children: Daughter (Died at birth), Dorothea (Eigsti), Louise, Frederick, and Harriett (Litwiller) Abrahams.
Notes: Margarethe Smith Abrahams is the ninth child of Frederick and Louise Grondenberg Smith. She lived in Pekin, Illinois, in the beautiful large home her father built at the corner of

Margarethe Smith and Dietrich H. Abrahams

Capitol and Willow Streets. So large was this house that two modern houses have been made from it; they stand on adjacent lots at the same location. Mrs. Abrahams has long been active in philanthropic works, and finds much pleasure in amateur photography.

Dietrich Abrahams was associated with his father in owning and conducting a Men's Tailoring Shop in Pekin, Illinois. He later became sole owner of this shop. After removal to Chicago he joined with his son in the Florist Shop. He was expert in converting antique lamps into electric lamps and found much demand in Chicago for this work.

# # #

Dorothea Abrahams — Born October 27, 1900, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Mahlon Eigsti, August 15, 1929, Pekin, Illinois.

Mahlon Eigsti — Born November 5, 1901.

His parents are Jacob (1876-1949) and Lydia Gerig Eigsti, born March 2, 1874.

Children: Joyce and Carol Eigsti.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Eigsti, Deer Creek, Illinois.

Notes: Dorothea Abrahams Eigsti is the eldest child of Margarethe Smith and Dietrich H. Abrahams. She completed the Pekin Public Schools then entered Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, where she graduated in 1922, with a B.S. degree. She studied during the summer sessions at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, and at Illinois State Normal, Normal, Illinois. Mr. Eigsti is a graduate of Bradley University, Pekin, Illinois. His degree is Bachelor of Science. Both Mr. and Mrs. Eigsti were teachers, but of recent years have farmed near Deer Creek, Illinois. Mrs. Eigsti has taught as a substitute teacher in Deer Creek-Mackinaw School during the teacher shortage. She is interested in dress designing, and her husband breaks the routine of farm work by constructing articles from wood.

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Joyce Eigsti — Born March 20, 1931, Pekin, Illinois.

Notes: Joyce Eigsti, was a student at Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, one year. At present she is a Junior at the Mennonite School of Nursing, Bloomington, Illinois. Her hobby is making scrap books of interesting events both personal and public.

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Carol Eigsti — Born February 19, 1934, Pekin, Illinois.

Notes: Carol Eigsti is a sophomore in Junior College, Hesston College and Bible School, Hesston, Kansas. She writes poetry and is a member of the 4H Club of Deer Dreek. Her particular interest in the 4H Club is raising and showing calves.

# # #

Louise Abrahams — Born February 1, 1902, Pekin, Illinois.

Address: Miss Louise Abrahams, 2606 East Seventy-third Street, Chicago 49, Illinois.

Notes: Louise Abrahams is the second child of Margarethe Smith and D.H. Abrahams. She complete the Pekin Public Schools and studied two years at Illinois State Normal, Normal, Illinois. She taught kindergarten and primary grades for five years before associating in the Florists business with her brother, Fred. Their firm name is Fred S. Fredericks Florist, Chicago, Illinois. She is greatly interested in the study of sculpturing and painting, and attends evening classes for this work.

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Frederick Abrahams - Fred S. Fredericks — Born March 15, 1905, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Hazel Edwards, September 12, 1936, Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois.

Hazel Edwards — Born November 22, 1903, Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards, Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania.

Address: Fred Fredericks Florist, Chicago, Illinois.

Notes: Frederick Abrahams is the third child of Margarethe Smith and D.H. Abrahams. He changed his name to Fred S. Fredericks. After completing the work of the Pekin Public Schools he studied at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois. He is the owner of the Fred S. Fredericks Florist business in Chicago, Illinois. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Junto Club and the Illinois Athletic Club. He is particularly interested in helping the boys and girls in the Good Will Schools. He is a philatelist, an amateur photographer and enjoys fishing. He is joined by his wife in his enjoymen of fishing. She enjoys her hobby of collecting toy elephants.

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Harriett Abrahams — Born June 24, 1910, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Dr. Raymond Litwiller, August 1, 1936, Chicago, Illinois.

Raymond Litwiller, M.D. — Born January 1, 1910, Morton, Illinois.

His parents are Jonas and Catherine Eigsti Litwiller.

Children: Margaret Litwiller (Born November 1, 1945, Chicago, Illinois), Child (Died in infancy).

Address: Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Litwiller, Box 2884, Cristobal Canal Zone, Chicago Address: 2606 East Seventy-third Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Notes: Harriett Abrahams is the fourth child of Margarethe Smith and D.H. Abrahams. She is a registered graduate nurse. Before her marriage she did general and private duty work at Billings Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. She enjoys good music, and at present, is studying piano.

Raymond Litwiller, M.D. spent much time in research work in zoology at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. He received his Master and his Ph D from this University. He graduated from the Medical School of Lyola University of Chicago, Illinois. He had a year of residence at I.C. Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, and entered service in World War II. He is now serving as medical officer at the government hospital in Christobal, Canal Zone.

Margaret Louise Litwiller, five year old daughter of Harriett Abrahams and Dr. Raymond Litwiller is an extremely brilliant child, preferring books to toys. She has her own record player and has developed a keen appreciation of good music. She has a library of her own and cherishes every book. She is a leader among her playmates.

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Charles Wesley Smith — Born September 30, 1879, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Winifred Lorraine Perry, May 24, 1909, Lewiston, Idaho.
Died June, 1936, Lampoc, California. Buried there.

Winifred Lorraine Perry — Born January 9, 1888, Black Hills, South Dakota.
Died February 27, 1946, Los Angeles, California.
Her parents are Fred E. Perry, deceased, and Harriett Annette Lyon Perry, 1805 North Kenmore Avenue, Los Angeles 27, California.

Children: Winifred Wesley (Pike), and Charlotte Lorraine (Burgeson) Smith.

Notes: Charles Smith was the tenth and youngest child of Frederick C. and Louise Grondenberg Smith.

# # #

Winifred Smith — Born September 18, 1913, Alleghany, California.
Married Frederick A. Pike, June 22, 1940, Boulder City, Nevada.

Frederic A. Pike — Born August 30, 1897, St. Paul, Minnesota.
His parents were Frederic A. deceased, and Stella Sheldon Pike, 5046 Montezuma Street, Los Angeles 46, California.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Frederic A. Pike, 1717 Sunset Plaza Drive, Los Angeles 46, California.

Notes: Winifred Smith Pike is the eldest child of Charles and Winifred Perry Smith.

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Charlotte Lorraine Smith — Born December 8, 1914, Harpster, Idaho.
Married Donald Ralph Burgeson, May 17, 1947, Los Angeles, California.

Donald Ralph Burgeson — Born September 11, 1921, Jamestown, New York.
His parents are Henry Manesfield and Bertha Dorothy Olsen Burgeson.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Burgeson, 11159 Sunshine Terrace, North Hollywood, California.

Notes: Lorraine Smith Burgeson is the second and youngest child of Charles and Winifred Perry Smith.

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Christine Smith — Born 1830, Hamswehrum, East Friesland.
Died 1850, in Pekin, Illinois. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Notes: Christine Smith came to America with her parents, Margaretha van der Velde and Conrad H. Smith, in 1849. That same year death came to her. She is buried beside her parents in Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

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Henry C. Block

Louisa Christina Smith (Foelke Smid)
Born October 18, 1837, Hamswehrum, East Friesland.
Baptized October 22, 1837.
Married 1st, M.W. Reinhardt, Pekin, Ill.
Married 2nd, Henry C. Block, 1871, Pekin.
Died January 30, 1915, Peoria, Ill.
Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Ill.

M.W. Reinhardt (Reinhard)
Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Ill.

Henry C. Block
Born July 11, 1842, Norden, E. Friesland
Died February 24, 1914, Peoria, Ill.
Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Ill.
His parents were Dorothea Anna Oldendorp and Hajo Block.

Louisa C. Smith Block

Children of Louisa Smith and W.M. Reinhard: Katherine (Boley) and Anna Christina (Kuhl) Reinhardt.

Notes: Louisa Christina Smith Block was the fourth child of Margaretha van der Velde and Conrad H. Smith. She came to Pekin with her parents when she was thirteen years old.

In the diary of Teis Smith, written while on his visit to Europe in 1864, and quoted earlier in this Record, is found a notation written by William Reinhard, to which he signs his name W. Reinhard, indicating that the name was not always spelled with the final "t". In this note Mr. Reinhard asks Mr. Smith to call on Christopher Reinhard, Hesson Cassel, then go by train to Guxhagen and visit Heinrich Fahr, who was Reinhard's brother-in-law.

Henry Block came to America in 1865. He had learned the dry goods business in the old country and was connected with Lord and Taylor in New York City upon his arrival here. The following year he went to Pekin, Illinois, and started Schipper and Block, dry goods store, with John Schipper. Later he and his brother, Fred Block, and Theodore Kuhl organized and established Block and Kuhl Company in Peoria. After Henry Block was well established in this country, he brought his mother, three sisters and his brother over from Germany.

# # # #

Katherine Reinhardt. Born February, 1856, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Daniel Crawford Boley, February 17, 1875, Pekin, Illinois.

Died February 13, 1933, Peoria, Illinois. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Daniel Crawford Boley Born 1853, Sweickloy, Pennsylvania.

Died 1909, Spokane, Washington. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

His mother's maiden name was Horne. She was a D.A.R.

Children: Louise (Jess), William Alexander, and Christine (1881-1898) Boley.

Notes: Katherine Reinhardt Boley, eldest daughter of Louisa Smith and M.W. Reinhardt, graduated from MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Illinois, in 1872.

Daniel Crawford Boley was from a family of Pennsylvania Dutch. He came to Pekin at the age of nine and lived with W.A. Boley. He attended the Pekin schools and later was associated with the Boley Ice Company. He and his wife, Katherine, went west in 1877 where he continued with his work as a mining engineer until his death in 1909. He was one of the first to use the cyanide process in extracting gold from ore. He traveled in Mexico, Colorado, South Dakota and Washington in his work.

# # #

Louise Boley Born January 1, 1876, Pekin, Illinois.

Married William Bryden Jess, February 2, 1898, at the home of Henry C. Block, Pekin, Illinois.

Died January 18, 1942, Springfield, Illinois. Buried-Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois

William Bryden Jess Born November 23, 1875, Riverton, Illinois.

Died June 18, 1935, Springfield, Illinois. Buried-Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois.

His parents were Alice Agee and Robert William Jess.

Children Katherine Louise (Kinahan) and William Bryden Jess ,Junior.

Notes: Louise Boley Jess, eldest child of Katherine Reinhardt and Daniel Crawford Boley,graduated from MacMurray College in 1895, with a Bachelor of Music degree. She was an excellent pianist and organist and attended Chicago University for special work in music after her graduation. She taught knitting at the Red Cross during the first World War. She was Treasurer of the Butler School P.T.A. for eight years; was Treasurer of the Grateful Daughter Circle of the King's Daughters for about twenty years, and also served on the Board of the King's Daughters.

William Bryden Jess was a graduate of Lawrenceville School, attended Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois, and was in the class of 1898 of Princeton University. The Jess family operated seven coal mines in central Illinois. These were later bought by the Peabody Company and William Jess became operator of all of the Peabody mines in central Illinois. He was a Mason, Knight Templar, and a Shriner. He was a President of the Sangamo Club, Springfield, Illinois; a member of the Illini Country Club, Springfield, Illinois; on the Board of the Central Illinois Light Company; and the Board of the First National Bank, Springfield, Illinois.

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Katherine Louise Jess Born June 18, 1908, Springfield, Illinois.

Married William Arthur Kinahan, February 2, 1932, Springfield, Illinois.

William Arthur Kinahan Born February 1, 1909, Lanesville, Illinois.

His parents were Alexander Harvey and Cora Benedict Kinahan.

Child: Elizabeth Louise Kinahan.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. William A. Kinahan, Springfield, Illinois.

Notes: Katherine Louise Jess, eldest child of Louise Boley and William Jess, attended Springfield schools, and Emma Willard School in Troy, New York. She graduated from MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Illinois, in 1931. She has been active in the Red Cross, P.T.A., Women's Club and the Woodside Community Club. William Kinahan attended school in Illiopolis, Illinois. He is now an electrician and is a Distributor of the George Garden Tractor. War service.

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Elizabeth Louise Kinahan Born July 13, 1933, Springfield, Illinois.
Notes: Elizabeth Louise Kinahan, only child of Katherine Louise Jess and William Arthur Kinahan, graduated from Enterprise School and Ball High School. She is now attending MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Illinois, and will graduate in the class of 1953. She plays in the Springfield Symphony Orchestra as well as the MacMurray College Concert Band.

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William Bryden Jess, Junior Born July 24, 1911, Springfield, Illinois.
Married Margaret Shanklin, March 4, 1934, Springfield, Illinois.
Margaret Shanklin Born September 14, 1914, Springfield, Illinois.
Her parents were William Elmer and May Eppling Shanklin. Mr. Shanklin owned and operated the Shanklin Manufacturing Company (now Park Sherman) in Springfield, Illinois, until his death.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. William Bryden Jess, Junior, Springfield, Illinois.
Notes: William Jess, Junior, second child of Louise Boley and William Jess, graduated from Springfield Schools. He is Superintendent of Police of the G.M.O. Railroad. He is a Mason, Shriner, and a Jester, and a member of the Springfield Motor Boat Club.

# # #

William Alexander Boley Born 1878, Pekin, Illinois.
Married first, Hazel Sylvester, 1907, Chicago, Illinois.
Married second, Leona Gehling, 1927, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Died June 6, 1943, Springfield, Illinois. Buried-ashes are in crypt in Seattle, Washington.
Child of Hazel and William A. Boley: William Henry Boley.
Notes: William Alexander Boley, second child of Katherine Reinhardt and Daniel Crawford Boley, attended the Pekin Public Schools and graduated from the Chicago University with a degree in Engineering. He was a mining engineer, but later was Chief Special Agent for the Alton Railroad in Chicago, and Springfield, Illinois.

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William Henry Boley Born April 5, 1909, Peoria, Illinois.
Married Evelyn -- of Danville, Illinois, November 17, 1945.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Boley, 220 Moss Avenue, Peoria, Illinois.
Notes: William Henry Boley, only child of William and Hazel Boley, graduated from Shaddock in Quincy, Illinois; Western Military Academy at Alton, Illinois, and the University of Michigan. He has his own accountancy office in Peoria, Illinois.

# # # #

Anna Christina Reinhardt Born 1858, Pekin, Illinois.
Married George Albert Kuhl, Pekin, Illinois.
Died October 14, 1921, Chicago, Illinois. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
George Albert Kuhl Born 1857, Beardstown, Illinois.
Died 1942, Los Angeles, California. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
His parents were John G. and Elizabeth Barthold Kuhl.
Child: Edward Kuhl.
Notes: Anna Christina Reinhardt Kuhl, was the youngest daughter of Louisa Smith and M.W. Reinhardt. She and her husband, Albert Kuhl, lived their entire life in Pekin, Illinois, where he owned and operated a green house, which was located next to their home there. Mr. and Mrs. Kuhl enjoyed entertaining their friends and traveling to many far places.

# # #

Edward Kuhl Born Pekin, Illinois.
Married Lucille Virginia Knapp. (Divorced)
Died about 1941, Chicago, Illinois. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Children: George Albert II and Robert Knapp Kuhl.
Notes: Edward Kuhl was the only child of Christina Reinhardt and George Albert Kuhl.

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George Albert Kuhl II Born June 4, 1910, Peoria, Illinois.
Married Ruth Genevieve Randall, August 20, 1937, Los Angeles, California.
Ruth Genevieve Randall Born November 17, 1915, Kansas City, Missouri.
Children: George Randall Daniel Kuhl (Born November 4, 1941, Pasadena, California) and Kristin Genevieve Kuhl (Born October 8, 1945, Pasadena, California).
Address: Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kuhl, 3167 Abella Street, La Crescenta, California.
Notes: George Albert Kuhl, eldest son of Edward and Lucille Knapp Kuhl, works in the offices of the Union Station for the Southern Pacific Railroad.

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Robert Knapp Kuhl Born October 25, 1912, Peoria, Illinois.
Married Virginia Foster Walton Wylie, May 13, 1940, Los Angeles, California.

Virginia Foster Walton Wylie Born April 10, 1909, Van Buren, Arkansas.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knapp Kuhl, 1338 South Hudson, Los Angeles, California.
Notes: Robert Knapp Kuhl is the youngest son of Edward and Lucille Knapp Kuhl.

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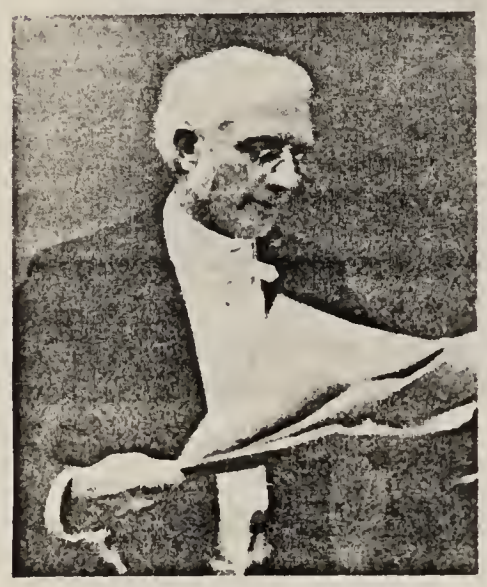

Dietrich Conrad Smith

Dietrich Conrad Smith (Dirk Smid)
Born April 4, 1840, Hamswehrum, East Friesland.
Baptized May 3, 1840.
Married Caroline Pieper, 1863, Beardstown, Illinois.
Died April, 1914. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery Pekin, Illinois.

Caroline Pieper
Born December 10, 1844, Beardstown, Ill.
Her parents were Lewis and Anna Steiwer Pieper.
Died 1923. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Children: Walter Teis, George Lewis (1866-1867), Ernest Frederick, Mary Louise (Aydelott), Dietrich Conrad Jr., Caroline Ames (1875-1881), Justin Vander Velde, Wesley Nast, Carroll Ninde, and Arthur Pieper Smith.

Caroline Pieper Smith

Notes: Dietrich Conrad Smith, fifth child of Margaretha van der Velde and Conrad H. Smith, was nine years old when he came to Pekin, Illinois, with his parents. He attended school in Pekin, then worked as an upholsterer in the Wagon Works (T.& H. Smith and Company) in Pekin, Illinois. In his late teens he attended Quincy College, Jacksonville, Illinois, where he met Caroline Pieper of Beardstown, Illinois. In 1863, he married her at her home in Beardstown, Dietrich C. Smith associated with his brother, Teis, Frederick, and Henry in what was popularly known as the "Smith Shops" - T.& H. Smith & Company; Pekin Plow Works; and Teis Smith and Company, Bankers. Dietrich was active in the management of the Bank and was vice-president and general manager of the Pekin Plow Company. He was one of Pekin's most prominent and influential citizens. He was a Republican, active in public affairs, serving as representative in the state legislature and as a member of Congress from the 18th District, Illinois, (1880-1882). He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was for many years the superintendent of the Sunday School in that Church, Pekin, Illinois. He was chairman of the board of Trustees of the Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, for several years. This is a Methodist Institution and was first known as the German Wesleyan College. He was a Captain in the Civil War. His son, D.C. Smith Jr., concludes his account of his father thus: "After the death of Teis Smith in 1870, the management of the family affairs fell almost entirely on my father then in his early thirties. Some of his experiences were: The panic of 1873, due to the Jay Cooke failure. His trip to England to try to save the railroads they were building, one of which was the "Big Four" Pekin branch, now a part of the New York Central Railroad. His election to Congress, defeating Adlai Stevenson, one time vice-president with Grover Cleveland; then his own defeat through the gerrymandering of his district by the Democrats. His second trip to Europe as a church delegate. The steady encroachment of his illness, attributed to lead poisoning from the bullet in his shoulder, received at the Battle of Shiloh, which was never removed; and his final reverses in 1906, foreshadowing the "Bankers Panic" of 1907. What I admire him for most was his fortitude and humility in the face of the troubles of his later years."

Caroline Pieper attended the Beardstown Schools then graduated from the Quincy College, Quincy Illinois, later Women's College at Jacksonville, Illinois, now MacMurray College at Jacksonville, Illinois. Her mother died when Caroline was fourteen years old. Her mother was a member of the Steiwers family who moved to Salem, Oregon, 1848. One of the members of this family was elected United States Senator from Oregon. Caroline's father, Lewis Peiper, was originally from the Black Forest region of Germany. The family immigrated to Virginia in 1840, then later went to Kentucky and finally to Beardstown, where Lewis had a general store, one of the first in Beardstown.

# # # #

Walter Teis Smith Born September 27, 1864, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Grace May Rupert, October 28, 1896.
Died May 15, 1945. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.

Grace May Rupert Born May 21, 1873.
Died May 1, 1944. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Her parents were Franklin Elon and Ella Harnish Rupert.

Child: Franklin Rupert Smith.

Notes: Walter Teis Smith, eldest child of Dietrich Conrad and Caroline Pieper Smith, graduated from the University of Michigan, June, 1887, with an A.B. degree. He graduated from Columbia Law School, 1888, with an L.L.B. degree. While at the University of Michigan he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He was admitted to the Bar in New York and practiced law in St. Paul, Minnesota, until 1908, when he became associated with the Clarke & Company, department store in Peoria, Illinois, which position he held until 1932. At that time Mr. Smith was Secretary-Treasurer of the store. Mr. Smith was a member of the Grace Methodist Church, Pekin, Illinois; the Rotary Club of Pekin, at one time President of this Rotary Club; the Tazewell Club of Pekin, Illinois; and the Peoria Chamber of Commerce, at one time Secretary of this organization.

# # #

Franklin Rupert Smith — Born January 3, 1903.

Married Marjorie Beryl Johnson, September 14, 1925.

Marjorie Beryl Johnson — Born August 6, 1904.

Her parents were Robert LeRoy and Maud Mary Van Valkenbrugh Johnson.

Child: Theodore Teis Smith

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Rupert Smith, 252 Ravina Forest Drive, Lake Bluff, Illinois.

Notes: Franklin Rupert Smith, only child of Walter Teis and Grace May Rupert Smith, graduated from the University of Michigan in June, 1925, with an A.B. degree. He attended Harvard and also studied architecture at the School of Architecture in Chicago, Illinois, 1926 and 1929. He was a member of Sigma Zeta fraternity at the University of Michigan. He is now a member of the American Institute of Architects and associated with Loebl, Schlossmen and Bennett, Architects, Chicago, Illinois.

Marjorie Beryl Johnson attended the University of Michigan School of Music in 1924 and 1925. She is a member of Delta Omicron sorority.

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Theodore Teis Smith — Born September 19, 1926.

Address: Mr. Theodore Teis Smith, 252 Ravina Forest Drive, Lake Bluff, Illinois.

Notes: Theodore Teis Smith, only child of Franklin Rupert and Marjorie Beryl Johnson Smith, graduated from the University of Michigan, June, 1950, with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He is a member of Acacia Fraternity.

# # # #

Ernest Frederick Smith — Born 1868, Pekin, Illinois.

Married Julia Walker.

Died 1936. Buried-Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Julia Walker — Born 1865, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Her parents were Thomas Barlow and Harriet Hulet Walker.

Address: Mrs. Ernest F. Smith, 365 West California Street, Apt. 5-B, Pasadena, California.

Children: Walker, Dana Conrad, Hulet Pieper, and Justin Van der Velde Smith.

Notes: Mrs. Julia Walker Smith sent in the data on her family and the photographs of Dietrich Conrad Smith and his wife that head his family and wrote in her accompaning letter: "Writing tires me, eighty-five is not young, but I am glad to do anything possible to honor the fine family into which I married."

# # #

Walker Smith — Born 1896.

Married Marguerite Billheimer, October 5, 1922.

Marguerite Billheimer — Born 1902.

Her parents were Clarke and Matilda Suzanne Billheimer.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. Walker Smith, 1410 Hillcrest Avenue, Pasadena, California.

Children: Suzanne (Sickler) and Walker Smith, Junior.

Notes: Walker Smith, eldest child of Ernest Frederick and Julia Walker Smith, graduated from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity and the Cornell Track Team. In 1920, Mr. Smith ran in the Olympics at Antwerp. War service.

# #

Suzanne Smith — Born November 20, 1924.

Married John Miller Sickler III, September 17, 1944.

John Miller Sickler III's parents are Anne and John Miller Sickler, Junior.

Children: John Miller IV (Born May 13, 1946,) and William Clarke (Born August 27, 1948,) Sickler.

Address: Mr. and Mrs. John Miller Sickler III, 806 Winston Avenue, San Mareno, California.

Notes: Suzanne Smith Sickler is the eldest child of Walker and Marguerite Billheimer Smith.

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Walker Smith, Junior — Born April 6, 1927.

Address: Mr. Walker Smith, Junior, 1523 Chestnut Street, Apt. B, Redding, California.

Notes: Walker Smith, Junior, youngest child of Walker and Marguerite Billheimer Smith,

graduated from Stanford University in 1950, and is now working in Redding, California, for the Shasta Forests Company. Coast Guard service.

# # #

Dana Conrad Smith — Born October, 1898, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Married Rosamond Hagen.
Rosamond Hagen — Born 1899.
Her parents are Oliver and Sara Dubois Hagen.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Dana C. Smith, 935 Hillcrest Place, Pasadena, California.
Children: Dana Dubois, Lawson Granger and Rosamond Jean (Goodrich) - twins, and Gilbert Walker Smith.

Notes: Dana Conrad Smith is the second son of Ernest Frederick and Julia Walker Smith. He is a graduate of the Law School of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and was a member of Beta Theta Pi there. He was admitted to the Bar in Minnesota and California. He is a member of the Annandale Club, Pasadena, California.

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Dana Dubois Smith — Born 1922, San Francisco, California.
Married Juliette Denio.
Juliette Denio — Born 1923.
Children: Carleton Lawson and Gilbert Walker - twins (Born October, 1946), Sara Anne (Born March, 1949), and Margaret Jean (Born April 28, 1950,) Smith.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Dana Dubois Smith, 1479 Vandyke Road, San Marino, California.

Notes: Dana Dubois Smith. eldest child of Dana Conrad and Rosamond Hagen Smith, and his wife, Juliette Denio Smith, are graduates of Pomona College, Pomona, California.

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Lawson Granger Smith — Born 1925.
Address: Mr. Lawson Granger Smith, 935 Hillcrest Avenue, Pasadena, California.

Notes: Lawson Granger Smith, second son of Dana Conrad and Rosamond Hagen Smith, graduated from Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, in 1946, and is now taking post-graduate work there.

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Rosamond Jean Smith — Born 1925.
Married Calvin Goodrich, October, 1948.
Calvin Goodrich — Born 1922.
His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Goodrich.
Child: Donald Goodrich II (Born October, 1949).
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Goodrich, San Marino, California.

Notes: Rosamond Jean Smith, only daughter of Dana Conrad and Rosamond Hagen Smith, graduated from Bryn Mawr, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Calvin Goodrich is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, with a degree in Engineering, War Service.

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Gilbert Marshal Walker Smith — Born 1929.
Married Joan Corbin, March, 1949, Pasadena, California.
Joan Corbin — Born 1927.
Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. and Adelaide Negus Corbin.
Child: Rosamond June Smith (Born 1950).
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert M.W. Smith, Pasadena, California.

Notes: Gilbert Marshal Walker Smith, youngest child of Dana Conrad and Rosamond Hagen Smith, graduated from the University of Virginia in 1950, and is now studying law at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

# # #

Hulet Pieper Smith — Born October 10, 1900.
Married first Ruth Rogers (Divorced 1938).
Married second Loma Clarice Moulton.
Ruth Rogers' parents are Roger R. and Mary G. Rogers. Mrs. Rogers is deceased.
Loma Clarice Moulton — Born August 15, 1913.
Her parents are Fred G. and Daisy Moulton. Mr. Moulton is deceased.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Hulet Pieper Smith, 110 West Sycamore Avenue, Arcadia, California.
Child of Hulet Pieper and Ruth Rogers Smith: Julia Walker Smith (Jones).

Notes: Hulet Pieper Smith, third son of Ernest Frederick and Julia Walker Smith, is a graduate of Princeton, 1922, and is a Phi Beta Kappa and a member of the Colonial Club. War service.

# #

Julia Walker Smith Born March 5, 1929.
Married Robert Eugene Jones, June 28, 1947. (Divorced).
Robert Eugene Jones' parents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd P. Jones.
Address: Mrs. Robert E. Jones, Hulet P. Smith, 110 West Sycamore Avenue, Arcadia, California.
Notes: Julia Walker Smith is the only child of Hulet Pieper and Ruth Rogers Smith.

# # #

Justin Vander Velde Smith Born October 25, 1903, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Married Eleanor Keatinge, June 21, 1926, London, England. (Divorced)
Eleanor Keatinge Born August 21, 1902, London, England.
Her father is Henry P. Keatinge, England.
Address: Mr. Justin Vander Velde Smith, 307 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Children: Kathleen and Barlow (Christened Ernest Barlow) Smith.
Notes: Justin Vander Velde Smith, youngest child of Ernest Frederick and Julia Walker Smith, attended Lawrenceville,School, New Jersey; Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey; and Cambridge, Cambridge, England. He is a Phi Beta Kappa. He published the novel "Marriage a la Mode" in 1947, and is now engaged in the lumber and real estate businesses.

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Kathleen Smith Born March 20, 1927, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Address: Miss Kathleen Smith, 2925 Dean Boulevard, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Notes: Kathleen Smith, daughter of Justin Vander Velde and Eleanor Keatinge Smith, attended Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, and the University of Minnesota, graduating from the University in 1950 with a B.A. degree.

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Barlow Smith Born October 17, 1929, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Married Marilyn Jean Colbeck, June, 1950.
Marilyn Jean Colbeck's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Raymond Colbeck, Duluth, Minnesota.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Barlow Smith, New York City, New York.
Notes: Barlow Smith, youngest child of Justin Vander Velde and Eleanor Keatinge Smith, attended Lawrenceville School and Columbia University, New York City, New York, graduating from Columbia in 1950, with a B.A. degree.

# # # #

Mary Louise Smith Born August 26, 1870, Pekin, Illinois.
Married John Charles Aydelott II, October 15, 1895, Pekin, Illinois.
Died July 12, 1943, Erie, Pennsylvania. Buried-Erie, Pennsylvania.
John Charles Aydelott II Born December 18, 1868, Pekin, Illinois.
Died July 29, 1943, Erie, Pennsylvania. Buried-Erie, Pennsylvania.
His parents were John C. and Adelia Bradwell Aydelott.
Children: John Charles III, Mary (Robertson), and Ernest Smith Aydelott.
Notes: Mary Louise Smith Aydelott, fourth child of Dietrich Conrad and Caroline Pieper Smith, graduated from Wellesley in 1892, with a B.S. degree. John Charles Aydelott graduated from Rutgers, New Brunswick, New Jersey, in 1891, with a B.S. degree and a Phi Beta Kappa key. He and his family lived in Pekin, where he was City Engineer and a member of the Smith-Hippen Firm, until 1932, then moved to California. They moved to Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1943, where both of them died.

# # #

John Charles Aydelott III Born March 19, 1898, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Helen Beckwith, March 19, 1928, Deland, Florida.
Helen Beckwith Born February 17, 1901, Erie, Pennsylvania.
Her parents are William Ellsworth Beckwith, born 1863, November 17, Old Lyme, Connecticut, and Clara Sophia Bull Beckwith, born 1861, December 23, Markam Village, Ontario.
Children: Lois, Ruth, and John Charles IV (Born February 24, 1938, Erie, Pennsylvania,) Aydelott.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. John Charles Aydelott III, 552 Rankin Avenue, Erie, Pennsylvania.
Notes: John Charles Aydelott III, eldest child of Mary Louise Smith and John Charles Aydelott II, was valedictorian of the class of 1916, Pekin High School. He was graduated with highest honors from Rutgers College in 1920 with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. His social fraternity was Delta Upsilon and he was elected to Phi Beta Phi in 1919. He has been employed by General Electric since his graduation and has continued his studies. He received an advanced degree in E.E. from Rutgers in 1925; he received a Charles A. Coffin Foundation award in 1935; was initiated into Tau Pita Pi, honorary engineering society in 1941, and in May, 1948, was advanced to the grade of Fellow of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.
Helen Beckwith Aydelott has a musical education and plays violin in the Erie Civic Orchestra.

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Lois Aydelott Born April 7, 1929, Erie, Pennsylvania.
Notes: Lois Aydelott is a member of the class of 1951, De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana.

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Ruth Aydelott Born October 13, 1932, Erie, Pennsylvania.
Notes: Ruth Aydelott, second child of John Charles and Helen Beckwith Aydelott, is attending De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, and will graduate with the class of 1954.

# # # #

Mary Aydelott Born August 2, 1900, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Alfred Crawford Robertson, September 3, 1929.
Alfred Crawford Robertson Born March 22, 1900, Dayton, Oregon.
Children: Mary Louise (Born May 5, 1935, Rochester, New York,) and Paul Aydelott (Born September 20, 1942, Rochester, New York,) Robertson.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Crawford Robertson, 206 Albamarle Street, Rochester, New York.
Notes: Mary Aydelott Robertson is the second child of Mary Louise Smith and John C. Aydelott II. She received a B.A. degree from Wellesley College in 1922 and a M.A. from the University of Chicago in 1924. She was a Social Worker, United States Children's Bureau 1924-1929, and lived in Denmark 1932-34. Alfred Crawford Robertson received a B.S. in Chemistry from Oregon State College, 1922, and a Ph D from the University of Wisconsin, 1925. He was a National Research Fellow, California Institute of Technology, 1925-27; United States Bureau of Fisheries Research Worker 1927-1929; Research Associate, University of Illinois 1929-1932; Fellow American Scandinavian Foundation in Copenhagen, Denmark, 1932-34. He is now with the Kodak Company Department of Manufacturing Experts.

# # #

Ernest Smith Aydelott Born October 13, 1902, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Ruth Burdette Mandeville, June 23, 1925, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Ruth Burdette Mandeville Born April, 1904, Caldwell, New Jersey.
Children: Henry Robert (Born June 9, 1933, Los Angeles, California,) and George Howard (Born December 10, 1937, San Bernardino, California,) Aydelott.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith Aydelott, Route 3, Box 287, Bellevue, Washington.
Notes: Ernest Smith Aydelott is the youngest child of Mary Louise Smith and John Charles Aydelott. He graduated from Rutgers in 1923, with a Bachelor of Literature degree and received highest honors and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He graduated from the University of Southern California Law School, 1931, and was admitted to the California Bar in 1931. He has charge of the Loan Department Office of the Prudential Life Insurance Company. Ruth Mandeville Aydelott was graduated from Bucknell, Lemsburg, Pennsylvania, 1925.

# # # #

Dietrich Conrad Smith Junior Born 1872, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Alma Hermine Hippen, Pekin, Illinois.
Alma Hermine Hippen Born 1872.
Her parents were Herman W. and Martha Tomm Hippen.
Children: Dietrich Conrad II, and Pauline (Wait) Smith.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich Conrad Smith Jr., 35 Dell Place, Minneapolis 3, Minnesota.
Notes: Dietrich Conrad Smith Junior, fifth child of Dietrich Conrad and Caroline Pieper Smith, graduated from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1894, with an A. B. degree. He was a member of Beta Beta Pi fraternity. Alma Hippen Smith graduated from Wellesley in 1894, with a B.S. degree. She is a member of Tau Zeta Epsilon sorority.

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Dietrich Conrad Smith II Born 1901.
Married Margaret Todd.
Margaret Todd Born 1900.
Her parents are Lieutenant Colonel Frank C. Todd (deceased) and Mabel Odell Todd.
Children: Dietrich Conrad III (Born 1934) and Margaret Ann-Peggy Ann-(Born 1937) Smith.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich Conrad Smith II, 216 Oak Forest Avenue, Catonsville, Maryland.
Notes: Dietrich C. Smith II, son of Dietrich Conrad and Alma Hermine Hippen Smith, graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1923 with a B.A. degree and received an M.A. degree in 1924 from the same institution and a Ph D in 1928 from Harvard University. He is now Professor of Physiology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland. He is a member of Sigma Xi fraternity, the American Physiological Society, the American Society of Zoologists, and Secretary of the Maryland Society for Medical Research, Incorporated.
Margaret Todd Smith graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.A. degree. Her sorority is Kappa Kappa Gamma.

# # #

Pauline Smith Born 1905.
Married Edward Riggs Wait II.
Edward Riggs Wait II Born 1903.

Children: Constance (Born 1933), Edward Riggs III (Born 1935), and Langdon Hippen (Born 1938) Wait.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Riggs Wait II, Walpole, Massachusetts.

Notes: Pauline Smith Wait II, daughter of Dietrich Conrad and Alma Hermine Hippen Smith, graduated from the University of Minnesota, in 1926, with a B.S. degree. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Edward Riggs Wait II graduated from Bowdoin College, in 1925, with a B.S. degree.He is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

# # # #

Justin Van der Velde Smith Born 1879, Pekin, Illinois.
Died 1902. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Notes: Justin Vander Velde Smith, seventh child of Dietrich Conrad and Caroline Pieper Smith, attended the University of Minnesota. He left the University in his Junior year to learn wagon making at the Smith Wagon Works, in Pekin, Illinois. War service.

# # # #

Carroll Ninde Smith Born 1884.
Married first Agnes Segar Lathrop.
Married second Elizabeth Coleman Ericsson.
Agnes Lathrop Born 1884.
Died 1931. Buried-Fall River, Massachusetts.
Her parents were George Owen and Helen Browning Segar Lathrop.
Elizabeth Ericsson Born 1901.
Her parents were Nettie Finch Coleman and Brör Otto Ericsson. Mrs. Ericsson was born in Scranton Pennsylvania, and Mr. Ericsson in Helsingfors, Finland.
Child of Carroll Ninde and Agnes Lathrop Smith: Lathrop Smith (Born 1922, died 1928), Timothy Carroll Smith-adopted-(Born 1944, Boston, Massachusetts.)
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Ninde Smith, 5 Peach Street, Walpole, Massachusetts.

Notes: Carroll Ninde Smith is the ninth child of Dietrich Conrad and Caroline Pieper Smith.
Education: Pekin High School, University of Minnesota, A.B., 1906, fraternity-Beta Theta Pi, Harvard College, (Ex-1906), Harvard Business School-(Special 1915). Vocation: Book Printing and Publishing, Boston and Norwood, Massachusetts. Since 1924 as PRINT-SMITH (Reg'd U.S. Pat Off). Public Service: Trustee, St. Hubert's School, Sudbury, Massachusetts, Editor and Publisher, for eighteen years, The Walpole Time (Community Weekly Newspaper). Church Activities: Member-Unitarian Laymen's League. Attends the United Church (Congregational) Walpole, Massachusetts. Elizabeth Ericsson Smith: Education: Scranton, Pennsylvania, High School, Bryn Mawr College, A.B., 1923. Vocation: Teacher at Milton Academy Lower School, Milton, Massachusetts, and Mothering Timothy Carroll Smith.

Carroll Ninde Smith

# # # #

Arthur Pieper Smith I Born 1887, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Maryan Wheeler, February 24, 1915.
Maryan Wheeler Born 1892, Crookston, Minnesota.
Her parents were Jerome W. and Eva Hill Wheeler.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pieper Smith I, 318 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Children: Arthur Pieper II, Wheeler, David Winthrop, and Maryan Gay (Conklin) Smith.

Notes: Arthur P. Smith is the tenth child of Dietrich Conrad and Caroline Pieper Smith. The following was taken from "Who's Who in the Midwest":
SMITH, Arthur Pieper, ins. agt.; student, Univ. of Minn., 1907-09; Harvard, 1911.....Pres. Arthur P. Smith C., since 1911; pres. Morris Plan Bank, 1925-34; pres. Smith Hull Co., investment bankers, 1927-31; teachers ins. Univ of Minn. Extension, 1946, Miller Vocational High Sch., 1948; dir. Detroit Fire and Marine Ins. Co., Detroit, 1925-48.Mem. Ins. Agt. Assn. Minneapolis (pres., 1946-1947, dir., 1945-50), Twin City Sr. Golf League (pres.) Beta Theta Pi, Pi Eta. Methodist Clubs: Minneapolis, Minikahda..... Office 803 Henipin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

# # #

Arthur Pieper Smith II Born June 20, 1916, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Married Carolyn Louis Schuldt.
Carolyn Louis Schuldt Born 1916, St. Paul, Minnesota.
Her parents are Frederick C. and Louise E. Schuldt.

Children: Arthur Pieper III (Born November 22, 1944, St. Paul, Minnesota), Frederick Carl (Born March 23, 1947, St. Paul, Minnesota), and Robert Wheeler (Born September 30, 1949, Birmingham, Alabama) Smith.
Address: Mr. Arthur Pieper Smith. State Agent, Great American Insurance Group, Birmingham, Alabama.

Notes: Arthur P. Smith, eldest child of Arthur Pieper and Maryan Wheeler Smith, graduated from Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, and the University of Minnesota with a B.B.A. degree in 1938. His fraternities are Phi Kappa Phi, social fraternity and Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary fraternity. He is now State Agent for the Great American Insurance Group for the state of Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama. War service.

Carolyn L. Smith graduated from Carleton College, 1938, with a B.A. degree.

Arthur Pieper Smith I

# # #

Wheeler Smith
Born March 15, 1919, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Married Gayla Allbee.
Gayla Allbee
Born 1916, East Hardwick, Vermont.
Child: Steven Allbee Smith (Born 1948).

Notes: Wheeler Smith, second child of Arthur Pieper I and Maryan Wheeler Smith received his A.B. degree from Harvard in 1941, and his L.L.B. degree from the same school in 1947. Here he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He is now a lawyer in Minneapolis, Minnesota. War service. Gayla Allbee Smith graduated from Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, with an B.A. degree.

# # #

David Winthrop Smith — Born 1923, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Married Elizabeth Alexander.
Elizabeth Alexander — Born 1926, Owatonna, Minnesota.
Her parents are Donald M. and Myrtle A. Alexander.
Children: Sidney Louise (Born 1947) and Alexandria (Born 1948) Smith.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. D. Winthrop Smith, 419 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Notes: David W. Smith, third child of Arthur Pieper and Maryan Wheeler Smith, graduated from Harvard, 1947, with a B.S. degree. His fraternity is Phi Kappa Psi. War service.

Elizabeth Alexander Smith graduated from Mills College, California.

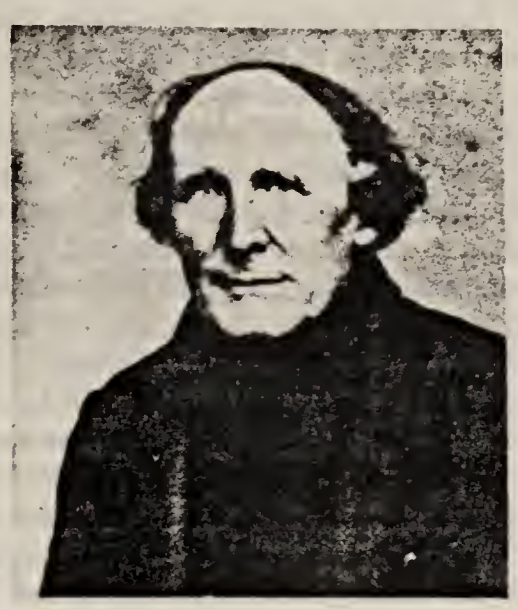
# # #

Mary Ann Gay Smith — Born August 30, 1926.
Married Daral Gordon Conklin, December 27, 1949.
Daral Gordon Conklin — Born January 1, 1926.
His parents are Dean Gordon and Eda Katherine Overton Conklin.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Daral Gordon Conklin, Kahuku, Oahu, T.H.

Notes: Mary Ann Smith Conklin, youngest child of Arthur Pieper I and Maryan Wheeler Smith, graduated from Vassar College in 1947 with an A.B. degree.

Daral Gordon Conklin attended the University of Wisconsin and the University of Colorado. He graduated from the University of Hawaii with an A.B. degree in 1949. He is now attending the University of Virginia Law School. He is a member of the USNR. War service.

FOEKE THEESHEN van der VELDE



FOEKE T. van der VELDE

BORN OCTOBER 30, 1797, WIRDUM, EAST FRIESLAND.
MARRIED EELKE HINDERKS SMEDA.
DIED 1878, PEKIN, ILLINOIS.
BURIED-LAKESIDE CEMETERY, PEKIN, ILLINOIS.
EELKE HINDERKS SMEDA
BORN 1803, MANSLAGT, EAST FRIESLAND.
DIED OCTOBER 3, 1846, WIRDUM, EAST FRIESLAND.
BURIED-WIRDUM, EAST FRIESLAND.

Children: Ebbina Hinrika, Tees Carsjens, Trientje Foeken, and Hinderk Dirks van der Velde.

Notes: Foeke van der Velde was the sixth child of Tees Carsjens and Tryntje Dirks van der Velde. He was a blacksmith at Wirdum, East Friesland, until his retirement in 1854. He came with his daughter, Ebbina van der Velde Zimmer, and her family to Pekin, Illinois, in 1868 He lived in Pekin until his death in 1878. Mrs. Theresa Smith Harmel recalls that when she was a little girl she and her cousins looked forward to the Sundays on which the "jolly old grandfathers", Foeke van der Velde and his brother Tees Carsen van der Velde came to dinner. The reason the children so greatly enjoyed their Sunday visitors was that these two elderly gentlemen would relate many interesting tales of their life in East Friesland. His wife Eelke died when forty-three years of age and was buried in Wirdum, East Friesland.

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Ebbina Hinrika van der Velde — Born March 1, 1830, Pewsum, East Friesland.
Married Weert Janssen Zimmer, May 27, 1854, Wirdum, East Friesland.
Died 1872. Buried-Greenhill Cemetery, San Jose, Illinois.

Weert Janssen Zimmer — Born November 4, 1820, Oldeborj, East Friesland.
Died 1914, Emden, Illinois. Buried-Greenhill Cemetery, San Jose, Illinois.
His parents were Hinrich Hanns and Amke Enkes-Brujen Zimmer.

Children: Ella (Eelke) Hinrich, Hinrich Hanns (February, 1858, April 1858), Henry (Hinrich Hanns), Anna (Amke Emkes), Fred D. (Foeke Dirks), Luppe (Luppo) Wiard, and Teis Zimmer.

Notes: Ebbina van der Velde Zimmer was the eldest child of Foeke and Eelke Smeda van der Velde. Her husband, Weert Zimmer, was a journeyman smith or blacksmith. In a letter dated October 17, 1950, addressed to Mrs. Winona Pfander, Pastor Kluver of the Evangelical Reformed Church at Wirdum, East Friesland, copied this note from the church book: "He took possession of the smith of his father-in-law (Foeke Theeshen van der Velde) in Wirdum, Neuland." This followed the entry of the marriage which occurred at Pewsum. Weert Zimmer's father, Hinrich Zimmer, was a master carpenter. After coming to America in 1868, Mr. and Mrs. Weert Zimmer and family resided on a farm near Emden, Illinois. Four of their children were born in East Friesland, one, Luppo, at sea and the youngest at Emden, Illinois. Four years after her arrival in America, Ebbina van der Velde Zimmer died, and no one living remembers her, so there is little to record concerning her. Mr. Zimmer remarried some years after her death.

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Ella (Eelke Hinrichs)Zimmer — Born April 15, 1855, Wirdum, East Friesland.
Died 1942, Emden, Illinois. Buried-Greenhill Cemetery, San Jose, Illinois.

Notes: Ella Zimmer was the eldest child of Ebbina van der Velde and Weert Janssen Zimmer. She traveled extensively in Europe in 1936 and visited Wirdum where she secured a copy of the church records assumed to be the lineages of Tees Carsjens van der Velde and his wife Tryntje Dirks. There were many errors such as persons dying before being married. The ancestry was not the same as the one sent to the Editor in September, 1950.

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Henry (Hinrich Hanns) Zimmer — Born July 22, 1859, Wirdum, East Friesland.
Married Anna Edworthy, March 22, 1900, Manito, Illinois.
Died September 13, 1950. Buried-Pleasant Plains, Illinois.

Anna Edworthy — Born January 7, 1871, Pekin, Illinois.
Died September 1, 1945, Pleasant Plains, Illinois. Buried-Pleasant Plains, Illinois.
Her parents were John W. and Mary Dunkel Edworthy.

Child: Mary Zimmer (Harris).

Notes: Henry Zimmer, third child of Ebbina van der Velde and Weert Zimmer, had taken much interest in contributing information about the Zimmer and van der Velde families for this Family Record. On the morning of his sudden death, September 13, 1950, he had talked at length with his daughter concerning a reply to further inquiries about his family. He had just returned from a trip through the eastern mountains which he had greatly enjoyed. While on this trip a lady asked him to what he attributed his long life - ninety-one years. He replied, "I've never used alcohol nor tobacco. I've gone to church and worked every day." As a young man he had farmed, but during the last thirty years, he had been in the grain business in Pleasant Plains, Illinois. He remained active and industrous even in his advanced age, taking a keen interest in the grain markets and other news every day via radio. He cultivated a garden each year in these later days of his life, and his physical and mental vigor amazed his many friends.

Standing: Henry Zimmer, Fred Zimmer, and Teis Zimmer.
Seated: Anna Zimmer, Luppo Zimmer, and Ella Zimmer.

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Mary Zimmer — Born June 13, 1901, Manito, Illinois.
Married H.C.(Jack)Harris, September 10, 1925, Pleasant Plains, Illinois.
H.C. Harris — Born February 18, 1884, Fort Stockton, Texas.
Child: Henry C.(Bill)Harris.

Notes: Mary Zimmer-Harris is the only child of Henry and Anna Edworthy Zimmer. Her husband H.C.(Jack)Harris was a salesman of office supplies for many years. His parents died when he was very young and he was reared by a man who owned a large ranch in Texas.

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Henry C. Harris — Born August 17, 1926.

Notes: Henry C. Harris, only child of Mary Zimmer and H.C. Harris, has maintained highest scholastic standing in his school life. He was an honor graduate of Springfield Junior College and is continuing this excellent record as a senior student of chemical engineering in the School of Mines and Metalurgy at Rolla, Missouri. War Service.

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Anna Zimmer (Anke Emke) — Born April 13, 1862, East Friesland.
Died 1928, Emden, Illinois. Buried-Greenhill Cemetery, San Jose, Illinois.

Notes: Anna Zimmer was the fourth child of Ebbina van der Velde and Weert Zimmer.

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Fred D. Zimmer (Foeke Dirks) — Born May 12, 1865, East Friesland.
Married Nellie Eugenia Lang, June 27, 1900.
Died March 23, 1930, Emden, Illinois. Buried-Emden, Illinois.
Nellie Eugenia Lang — Born February 3, 1865, Crawfordsville, Indiana.
Her parents were Frederich and Fredericha Lang.
Address: Mrs. Fred Zimmer, 4732 Washington Street, Skokie, Illinois.
Child: Frederick Weert Zimmer

Notes:Fred D. Zimmer was the fourth child of Ebbina van der Velde and Weert Zimmer. He lived on a farm near Emden, Illinois, for several years before his marriage. His sister, Ella Zimmer, kept house for him. He purchased a hardware store in Emden, Illinois, and formed a partnership with John Zimmer, a cousin, under the firm name of Zimmer & Zimmer. Later Tobias Rademohn became a partner in this firm and the name was changed to Zimmer & Rademohn. Mr. Zimmer continued in this hardware business in Emden, Illinois, until his death in 1930.

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Frederick Weert Zimmer — Born December 29, 1903, Emden, Illinois.
Married Lucille Mary Evans, March 29, 1941, Chicago, Illinois.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Zimmer, 4732 Washington Street, Skokie, Illinois.

Notes: Frederick Zimmer, only child of Fred D. and Nellie Eugenia Lang Zimmer, graduated from

the University of Illinois in 1927, with a B.S. degree. He has been employed by the Arthur Anderson Company, public accountants, Chicago, Illinois, since his graduation with the exception of his four years in military service in World War II. He and his wife are members of the First Methodist Church of Oak Park, Illinois.

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Luppe William (Wiard) Zimmer — Born October 16, 1868, at sea under German Flag.
Married Mabel Cummings, August 21, 1897, Pekin, Illinois.
Died March 2, 1939, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Cremated.
Mabel Cummings — Born July 1, 1872, Morley, New York.
Her parents were Carlton J. and Sara Welles Ellison Cummings.
Address: Mrs. Luppe William Zimmer, 610 West Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Children: Margot Carolyn, Carlton Frederick, and Elizabeth Mabel (Putnam) Zimmer.

Notes: Luppo Wiard Zimmer, sixth child of Ebbina van der Velde and Weert Zimmer, upon the death of his mother in 1872, became a member of the Luppe Luppen household of Pekin. Mrs. Luppen, second wife of Luppe, had first married Henry van der Velde, brother of Luppo Zimmer's mother, Ebbina Zimmer. Later, as a young man, he moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, with Ernest Smith to engage in the farm implement business-Smith & Zimmer-selling the plows and wagons manufactured by Luppe Luppen. In 1909, after the partnership was dissolved, the Zimmers went to Medford, Oregon, but in 1915, returned to Minneapolis and to selling farm equipment for an old competitor. In 1925, he went into the manufacturing business, turning out a sisal fiber sweeping compound.

Mabel Cummings Zimmer's people were from St. Lawrence County, New York State, but all of her immediate family moved to Pekin, Illinois, during Mabel's early childhood. She lived in Pekin until her marriage to Luppo Zimmer.

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Margot Carolyn Zimmer — Born June 25, 1898, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Address: Miss Margot Zimmer, 610 West Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Notes: Margot Carolyn Zimmer is the eldest child of Luppo and Mabel Cummings Zimmer.

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Carlton Frederick Zimmer — Born October 16, 1900, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Married Elizabeth Katherine Fox, August 10, 1936, San Francisco, California.
Elizabeth Katherine Fox — Born July 20, 1913, San Francisco, California.
Her parents were Duncan Richard Alexander Valentine and Katherine Swint Fox.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Frederick Zimmer, 3135 Pacific Street, San Francisco, California.

Notes: Carlton Frederick Zimmer, second child of Luppo and Mabel Cummings Zimmer, is the director of the Art Department of the San Francisco branch of the Batton, Barton, Duriten and Osburne Advertising Agency, San Francisco, California.

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Elizabeth Mabel Zimmer — Born August 29, 1903, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Married Albert George Putnam, September 12, 1936, Manila, Phillipine Islands.
Albert George Putnam — Born July 14, 1907, San Francisco, California.
His parents are Victor E. Putnam, M.D. and Emily D. McCoy Putnam, San Francisco, California.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Putnam, 2463 Jackson Street, San Francisco, California.

Notes: Mabel Elizabeth Zimmer Putnam is the third child of Luppo William and Mabel Cummings Zimmer. The Putnam family is one of the early San Francisco families.

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Teis Zimmer — Born 1871, Emden, Illinois.
Married first Anna Steen.
Married second Lena Steen. - sisters
Died 1949, Emden, Illinois. Buried-Emden, Illinois.
Anna Steen — Born 1872.
Died 1924. Buried-Emden Cemetery, Emden, Illinois.
Lena Steen — Born 1880.
Died 1947. Buried-Emden Cemetery, Emden, Illinois.
Notes: Teis C. Zimmer, youngest son of Ebbina van der Velde and Weert Zimmer, was their only child to be born in America. He resided on a farm near Emden, Illinois.

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Trientje Focken van der Velde — Born May 10, 1835, Wirdum, East Friesland.
Married John de Boer, May 12, 1855, Wirdum, East Friesland.
Died 1911, Norden, East Friesland.
Children: Fokko, Lini, Eta, Tina, Johan, and Benna de Boer.

Note: Trientje van der Velde de Boer, second child of Foeke and Eelka van der Velde, came with her husband and family to Pekin, Illinois, in 1872, and remained six months. After the deaths of her brother Henry and her sister Ebbina, the entire de Boer family returned to East Friesland where some of their descendants are living today.

Henry Velde

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Henry Velde (Hinderk Dirk van der Velde)
Born March 30, 1837, Wirdum, East Friesland.
Married Trientje Roelfs, 1865, Groothusen, East Friesland.
Died 1872, Pekin, Illinois. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Trientje Roelfs
Born 1846, Groothusen, East Friesland.
Died 1919, Pekin, Illinois. Buried-Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Children: Lucy (Grondenburg), Dietrich Foeke and Katherine Henrietta Velde.

Notes: Henry Velde, youngest child of Foeke and Eelke Smeda van der Velde, came with his bride on their honeymoon to Pekin, Illinois, in 1865. Here he engaged in the mercantile business, as owner and proprietor of a grocery and general store. His death in 1872 cut short his promising business career. Some years after his death Mrs. Velde married Luppe Luppen of whom a lengthy account is given in the Foelke van der Velde, Conrad Smith family section. A full account of Trientje Roelfs Velde Luppen is given in the Dirk Foeken van der Velde family section. However, it was in the household of Trientje Roelfs Velde Luppen that the three small Velde children were reared, as well as Luppo Zimmer, as has been recorded. One child, Justina Luppen, was born to Trientje and Luppe Luppen in 1886, but died the following year, 1887.

Trientje Roelfs Velde

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Lucy Velde — Born June 23, 1866, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Frederick Grondenberg, June 6, 1894, Pekin, Illinois.
Frederick Grondenberg — Born October 1, 1867, Chicago, Illinois.
Died June 26, 1936, Peoria, Illinois.
Address: Mrs. Frederick Grondenberg, 1400 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.
Child: Lucile (Taylor) Grondenberg.

Note: Lucy Velde Grondenberg is the eldest child of Henry and Trientje Roelfs Velde. She now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Taylor, in Columbus, Ohio.

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Lucile Grondenberg
Married Livingston Lodge Taylor, June 3, 1924, Peoria, Illinois.
Children: Henry Clay II, and Frederick Grondenberg Taylor.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Taylor, 1400 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Note: Lucile Grondenberg Taylor is the only child of Lucy Velde and Frederick Grondenberg.

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Henry Clay Taylor II — Born May 10, 1925, Columbus, Ohio.

Note: Henry Taylor II, eldest child of Lucile Grondenberg and Livingston Lodge Taylor, is now attending the University of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

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Frederick Grondenberg Taylor — Born June 3, 1927, Columbus, Ohio.

Note: Frederick Grondenberg Taylor, youngest child of Lucile Grondenberg and Livingston, Lodge Taylor is now attending the University of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

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Dietrich Foeke Velde — Born July 24, 1868, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Emma Albertsen, 1891, Pekin, Illinois.
Died October 14, 1924. Buried-Mausoleum, Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois.
Emma Albertsen — Born January 10, 1868.
She is the daughter of M.J. Albertsen.
Address: Mrs. D.F. Velde, Buena Vista Apartments, Apt. 3 B, Buena Vista Street, Pekin, Ill.
Children: Henry Richard, Karl Everett, Donald Frederick, and James Albertsen Velde.

Notes: Dietrich Foeke Velde, second child of Henry and Trientje Roelfs Velde, early became associated with the Feltman & Velde Company, lumber dealers. This firm had been organized in 1866, by Mr. Feltman, Teis Smith and Mr. Blickhahn. Later C.L. Velde had purchased the Smith and Blickhahn interests and the firm became Feltman & Velde Company. In 1890, Mr. Feltman sold his half interest to Diedrich Foeke Velde and the firm became C.L. Velde and Company. In 1922, D.F. Velde purchased C.L. Velde's half interest and became sole owner of the company and changed the name to Velde Lumber Company, the name it bears today. The present owners are Mrs. D.F. Velde, and sons, Henry R. and Donald F. Velde.

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Henry Richard Velde Born September 8, 1892, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Mary Louise Cullinan, April 4, 1923.
Address: Mr. Henry Velde, Velde Lumber Company, 16 South Second Street, Pekin, Illinois.
Children: Mary Catherine (Watson), Richard Henry, and Emily Louise (Sister Mary Richard Ann) Velde.
Notes: Henry Velde is the eldest child of Dietrich Foeke and Emma Albertsen. After graduation from the Pekin schools he attended the University of Iowa, Ames, Iowa, one year and the University of Illinois one and a half years. He served one year in France in World War I with the 101 Infantry, 26th Divison. This Division was the first full combat to go over seas and it served until the end of the War. Mr. Velde had the unique experience of reaching the front line trenches at ten p.m. November 10, 1918, and at eleven a.m. November 11, 1918, the Armistice was signed. Mr. Velde laughing remarked when interviewed that although he was in the trenches just thirteen hours, he found it much too long. He was also the only one of the large Velde family to be in combat. The others were either too young or too old.

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Mary Catherine Velde Born December 12, 1924, Pekin, Illinois.
Married John Watson, June 6, 1948.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, Delavan, Illinois.
Note: Mary Catherine Velde Watson is the eldest child of Henry Richard and Mary Louise Cullinan Velde.

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Richard Henry Velde Born December 27, 1926, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Yvonne Therese Minnaert, February 11, 1950, Holy Family Catholic Church, Davenport, Iowa.
Yvonne Therese Minnaert is the daughter of C.A. Minnaert, Grand Mound, Iowa.
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henry Velde, Pekin, Illinois.
Notes: Richard Henry Velde, second child of Henry Richard and Mary Cullinan Velde, graduated from Pekin Community High School and St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa. He is associated with the Velde Lumber Company, Pekin, Illinois. Yvonne T. Minnaert Velde is a graduate of the Immaculate Conception Academy, Davenport, Iowa.

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Emily Louise Velde Born July 12, 1929, Pekin, Illinois.
Note: Emily Louise Velde, youngest child of Henry Richard and Mary Cullinan Velde, presently has the name of Sister Mary Richard Ann at St. Mary's Scholasticate, Holy Cross, Indiana.

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Donald Frederick Velde Born August 16, 1898, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Alice ---
Address: Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Velde, 500 Amanda Street, Pekin, Illinois.
Notes: Donald Velde, third son of Dietrich Foeke and Emma Albertsen Velde, graduated from Pekin High School then attended the University of Pennsylvania graduating in 1920. While in the University he trained in the Navy but the War ended before he was called. He is associated with his mother and his brother Henry in the Velde Lumber Company, but during World War II he worked as a civilian in Washington, D.C. War service. Donald Velde's wife, Alice, is a native of Boston, Massachusetts.

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James Albertsen Velde Born October 6, 1904, Pekin, Illinois.
Married Esther Dwyer Finn, 1934.
Child: Margaret Finn Velde (Born November 9, 1936).
Address: Mr. and Mrs. James A. Velde, 711 Park Place, Lake Bluff, Illinois.
Notes: James Albertsen Velde, fourth son of Dietrich Foeke and Emma Albertsen Velde, attended Pekin High School two years then went to Exeter in New Hampshire to prepare for Harvard, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He attended Harvard and was graduated from both the undergraduate and the Law School. He is now a successful lawyer practicing in Chicago, Illinois. His wife, Esther Dwyer Velde, lived most of her life in Colorado until her marriage to Mr. Velde.

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Katherine Henrietta Velde Born 1870, Pekin, Illinois.
Died October, 1943, Los Angeles, California. She is buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Ill.
Notes: Katherine Henrietta Velde, third and youngest child of Henry and Trientje Roelfs van der Velde, traveled extensively in the United States and Europe. She and Mrs. J.W. Harmel were school mates at Mac Murray College, Jacksonville, Illinois, and Mrs. Harmel hold her in memory with high praise.

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MILITARY ROLL OF WAR SERVICES

CIVIL WAR

EDWORTHY, JOHN W. - 108th Illinois Infantry.

PRATT, URIAH HARVEY - Captain.

SMITH, DIETRICH CONRAD - Enlisted April 18, 1861, Company F. 8th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Inf. Wounded at Shiloh, Tennessee, April 6, 1862. Reenlisted twice after term of service had expired. Captain's rating third enlistment. Served on General Meredith's Staff at Cairo, Illinois, as A.A. Adjutant and Inspector of the Post. Final honorable discharge October 28, 1864.

SMITH, MORRIS - Four years in Union Army.

SPEAKER, HENRY - Union Army.

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR

NEEF, FRANKLIN - Company G. Fifth Illinois Inf.

SMITH, JUSTIN Van der VELDE - Captain.

WORLD WAR I

FITZGERALD, DONALD CAMPBELL, SR.

PERKINS, JOHN N., M.D.

SKILLMAN, CLEON FRANCIS - Instructor Air Corps.

SMITH, WALKER - French Ambulance Service.

SMITH, WARREN F. - Aviation Mechanic U.S. Navy.

TRAEGER, WILLIAM HENRY

VAN OSDOL, HAROLD - Army Military Police. Entered June 27, 1918; served in France.

VELDE, DONALD F. - Trained for Navy while in University of Penn. Was not called to service.

VELDE, HENRY RICHARD - 101 Inf., 26th Division.

VELDE, KARL H. - Student Army Training Corps, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Hon. Dis. from U.S. Army, December, 1918.

VELDE, MERLE LINDSEY - Armed Forces - 32nd Division of Engineers.

VELDE, RODERICK LOUIS - Sergeant in Army.

VELDE, WILLIAM JACOB - 117 Field Artillery. Entered June 24, 1918; dis. January 17, 1919; served overseas from October 14, 1918, till December 20, 1918.

VOIGT, CHARLES H. - Company A. 16 M.P. Became il with influenza and died in England.

WALTMIRE, HARRY H. - Sergeant First Class. Franc with 65th Engineers.

WORLD WAR II

BAIRD, JOHN PIERSON III - U.S. Army, three and one half years.

BLESSMAN, GENE D. - Navy

CHENOWETH, CARLIN VELDE - Lieutenant Junior Grad Enlisted December, 1948; one year.

CLENDENIN, ROBERT J. - Navy. Now Lieutenant-Com.

CONKLIN, DARAL GORDON - Navy. Member of USNR.

COOK, —— Lieutenant Air Force. Japan, 1950.

deVRIES, LOUIS S. - Lieutenant U.S. Navy (aviatic

DICKINSON, RICHARD V. - Naval Reserves, Long Beach, California.

DICKINSON, RUSSELL - Lieutenant-Commander, U.S. Navy; served on ships, California, Husse, Savannal Altaïre, and others.

DIEN, ISABELLE (VELDE) - Lieutenant of Liason F. F.I underground (French). Captured by Germans and interned in concentration camp (Raneusbruck). Decorated with Croix de Guere after release from camp.

EDEN, FRED JAMES, JUNIOR - Army Air Force 3 years Fighter Pilot, served overseas with the Fifth Air Force in South Pacific Theater.

FELTMAN, CARL HOWARD - Student Army Training Corps University of Wisconsin, World War I. World War I entered as Lieutenant; left as Commander; served nearly five years in the U.S. Navy. He was on duty at Newfoundland and Argentina, and was executive officer in communications for two and one half years at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

FITZGERALD, JOHN DEAN - Major. Sent to Russia by Gerenal Electric to assist in installation of rubber manufacturing plant moved there from Fort Dearborn, Mich. Remained in Russia two and a half years.

FITZGERALD, DONALD CAMPBELL, JR.

GOODRICH, CALVIN - Air Force

GOLDEN, JANET GRACE (ROGERS) - Navy.

GOLDEN, KENNETH JACK - Petty Officer Navy.

HARRIS, HENRY C. - Navy two years 1943-1945.

HAYS, JONATHAN E - Lieutenant Active reserve on duty in Japan and Korea, 1950.

JUHL, LEONARD - Chief Petty Officer Navy -July 23, 1942, to September 28, 1945; served a year and a half in England.

KINAHAN, WILLIAM ARTHUR - Chief Electrician's Mate Navy-three years; eighteen months in South Pacific aboard sectional floating dry dock in Manus Island

LACKMAN, JAMES WILLIAM - Captain. Entered February 12, 1942; served until end of war. Overseas three years.

LACKMAN, VIRGINIA MAY (McINTOSH)-Red Cross worker overseas.

LAMPE, JOHN GERALD - Staff Sergeant. Enlisted in Army, June, 1943; sent to England, August, 1943; stationed in England and Switzerland. Honorable discharge February, 1946.

LITWILLER, RAYMOND, M.D. Ship Surgeon going from U.S. to Germany.

LUPPEN, LUPPE HODGDON - Fort Sill on Guide Weapons Pacific Theater; Korea Occupation Army 1941-46. Captain.

LUPPEN, PETER ATKINSON-Major. 1941-45 Medical Ambulance Corps, European Theater. Dis. 1945.

MAXWELL, FRANK G.-Air Force.

McINTOSH, CHARLES - Major. Entered Army March 19, 1941; overseas thirty-eight months; discharged December 31, 1945; in regular Army since July 31, 1947.

MEYTHALER, VIRGIL W. - Lieutenant. Entered Navy as Lieutenant; served three years.

MOELUS, L.A. - Rear-Admiral Commadant of Naval Air Station, Alameda, California.

NEEF, ELMER O. JR. - 87th Division of Third Army. Entered June 4, 1942; served in England; hospitalized in England and U.S.; dis. January 4, 1946.

NEEF, RICHARD H. - Army Ground Forces. Enlisted December 23, 1943; served in England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany, going overseas September 20, 1944, as Private First Class; received three Battle Stars for Ardennes, Central Europe, and Rhineland; left Europe, December 29, 1945, discharged, January 17, 1946.

PERKINS, JOHN N., M.D. - Lieutenant.

PERKINS, JOHN R., M.D. - Captain.

PRESTON, ROBERT ALLEN - Private. Entered Army Infantry, May 9, 1945; stationed Camp Joseph, Robinson, Arkansas; Medical Discharge, November 3, 1945.

REES, JAMES EDWARD - U.S. Army. Entered June 3, 1942; stationed at Camp Rucker, Alabama, Fort McClellan, Alabama, and Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida; discharged December 19, 1945.

REUTER, LESLIE - C.W.O. Fort Ord, California.

REUTER, RAYMOND P. - Captain Air Corp; killed in action, April 17, 1945.

RIMERMAN, FRANKLIN ADOLPH - First Lieutenant Air Corps. Enlisted June 16, 1942, Peoria, Illinois; called to service in November, 1942; left December 1, 1942, for San Antonio, Texas, where he received his cadet training. Received silver wings Altus, Oklahoma, December 5, 1943, and returned home for fifteen day furlough. Commissioned First Lieutenant July 11, 1944, as pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress. He and crew left the States for Italy, May 19, 1944. Their base was near Bari, Italy, with the 15th Air Force. They made thirty-eight successful missions. The morning of the Thirty-ninth mission - the Invasion of Southern France - their plane crashed at the field and all the crew perished. The men were returned to Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery and were buried there. Franklin Rimerman was awarded the Air Medal, the Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Purple Heart.

SCHLESINGER, WILLIAM DEAN - enlisted for Korean War, 1950.

SIMPSON, DONALD LEE - Killed in action, Belgium. December 18, 1944. He was a member of the 504th Parachute Infantry, 82 all Armoured Uniform Div.

SMITH, ARTHUR P. II - Captain Transportation Corp U.S. Army; entered May 6, 1942; discharged March 15, 1946.

SMITH, DANA DUBOIS - Lieutenant U.S. Marines.

SMITH, DAVID WINTHROP - Radio-man 2nd. Class-Active Reserve; Navy, 1945-1956.

SMITH, HULET PIEPER - Major Air Force

SMITH, WALKER, JUNIOR - U.S. Coast Guard

SMITH, WHEELER - Lieutenant Navy, 1942-1946. Now in Naval Reserves.

TALBOT, JOHN SIDNEY - Lieutenant Navy.

THIGPEN, HENRY SMITH - Engineer with heavy bridge unit, Captain. Now on duty in Japan, 1950. Army Captain. Engineer Construction Battalion.

THIGPEN, LANE FITZGERALD - Pilot Instructor B-24 planes, Captain.

UNLAND, RICHARD E. - Navy.

van DEUR, GEORGE - U.S. Navy. Now on duty European Theater, 1950.

VELDE, FREDERICK JAMES - First Lieutenant U.S. Army, Medical Department. Entered January 16, 1941; discharged November 3, 1945.

VELDE, HAROLD HIMMEL - Signal Corps U.S. Army. Enlisted August, 1942. In December, 1942, by order of the War Department, he was transferred to the Department of Justice, and was appointed as Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

VELDE, HARVEY BRUCE - Lieutenant J.G. Entered Navy 1942, as yeoman; discharged 1945, as ensign. Now in Naval Reserves.

VELDE, ISABELLE DIEN (see Dien)

VELDE, JAMES RAYMOND - First Lieutenant, Infantry. Served three and one half years in U.S. Army; fourteen months overseas; awarded Purple Heart with Cluster, three Battle Stars. He is now a member of Officers Reserve Corps, 1950.

VELDE, JOHN ERNEST, JUNIOR - Navy

VELDE, RICHARD WHITTINGTON - Air Force ROTC 1950.

VELDE, RICHARD WILLIAM - Lieutenant J.G. USNR, September, 1942, placed on inactive duty. He was commissioned Lieutenant USNR January 6, 1946.

VELDE, ROBERT LEE - Major. Entered active duty in Armed Forces July 5, 1940, as Second Lieutenant with 10th Infantry, U.S. Army. Transferred to Signal Corps, November, 1940, as First Lieutenant. Served overseas from December 10, 1941, to April 20, 1944. He went overseas to England attached to Royal Air Force to study British radar system. He participated in the African invasion at Oran, November 10, 1942, and followed front until the fall of Tunis. He was with the front line in the invasion of Sicily, July, 1943, and the invasion of Italy, September, 1943. His duty assignment was a radar staff officer. He was promoted to Captain, March 19, 1943, "with no particularly interesting decorations." He received a regular commission in the U.S. Air Force, July, 1946. He had a second overseas tour of nine months in Germany after the war from December, 1946, to August, 1947. Promoted to Major in Air Corps, June 30, 1950.

VELDE, RODERICK LOUIS, JUNIOR - Coast Guard. Entered 1943, was Water Tender Second Class and served until end of the war.

VELDE, WILLIAM ALBERT - U.S. Marines, December, 1942. He trained at Parris Island, South Carolina, and Camp Le Juene, in January, 1944. He spent most of the time of service on Russell Island having gone to the Pacific Theater of War in January, 1944. He returned to the United States in February, 1946.

WALTMIRE, HARRY RICHARD - U.S. Navy. Entered December, 1942, and was discharged as Yeoman 3/class August, 1946. He was among first to enter Nagasati Japan, after atom bombing. He served there in the office of the Port Director.

ZIMMER, FREDERICK - U.S. Army - Advance Division. located in Chicago, Illinois, from November 18, 1942 to March 1, 1946. He had the rank of Major.

OTHER VELDES
Wisconsin, Michigan and Kansas

While spending a pleasant week-end several years ago at Lake Macatawa, Michigan, the Harold Velde family noticed a name which interested them on the mail box in front of an attractive home along the way from Holland, Michigan, to Macatawa. It read: Dr. Otto van der Velde. When serious work was begun on the Tees Carsjen van der Velde Family Record, the Editor dispatched a letter to the Doctor in Holland, Michigan. His reply follows:

"Your kind letter of inquiry reached me this morning. I am going to answer in short now but will do so more at length later.

I, also, am very interested in our genealogy. I have a second cousin who is a retired college Professor who has done a large amount of work on our family tree. You two must get together through letters. Our knowledge dates back to 1802. A Sapa Van der Velde born that year in Blyje, Province Friesland, Netherlands. And we trace our line down pretty well from there. My grandfather was born in 1839 in Blyje, Friesland, and came to America in 1853 and settled in Randolph Center, Wisconsin, where he married and early migrated to Nebraska with his family when the western country opened, and then went on to Western Kansas along about 1880.

I was born in Luctor, Kansas in 1891. My own Father is still living at eighty-four years. I have five brothers, three of us are Surgeons, two are merchants and one is an Insurance Broker in Los Angeles. I have a brother practicing in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and one practicing in Emporia, Kansas, where my Father and Sister reside and our present family home.

I have seen Congressman Velde's name in the paper and I made the remark to my wife at one time that I'd bet a thin dime that originally he was a van der Velde.

I will send you a copy of our line soon. It is being revised and brought up to date and you will have to contact Professor Conrad Van der Velde of 1111 West Street, Emporia, Kansas, for the completed record." Very sincerely yours, Otto van der Velde.

Doctor Otto van der Velde's lineage is: Sapa van der Velde (b. 1802) and his wife Wopkje Dykestra immigrants. Their son, Onne van der Velde and wife, Nettie Wikkering. Their son John van der Velde and wife Jennie Greving. John van der Velde was born October 27, 1865, in Emporia, Kansas, and his wife, Jennie Greving was born February 22, 1874, in Dreuthe, Netherlands. The children of John and Jennie Greving van der Velde: Dr. Otto van der Velde (b. 9-23-1891, Luctor, Kansas), married Margaret Den Herder 6-24-1920; Guy H. van der Velde (b. 10-29-1895), married Marie Oliver 7-12-1929. Jacob van der Velde (7-8-1898, Luctor, Kansas), married Joy Coverdill, 7-12-1929); William H. van der Velde (b. 12-13-1911, Emporia, Kansas); Dr. Kenneth M. van der Velde (b. 12-25-1913, Phillipsburg, Kansas), married Jean Rottschofer, 10-17-1940; Stanley L. van der Velde (b. 1-31-1915, Phillipsburg, Kansas), married Doris Payne, 12-10-1942; and Esther R. van der Velde (b. 10-20-1917, Emporia Kansas).

Professor Conrad Van der Velde was equally gracious and replied to the letter of inquiry:

"Your letter came this morning and I am sending under separate cover a copy of the work referred to by Dr. Otto Vander Velde. You will note this is a 'genealogy' not a 'lineage' in the strict sense of the word. I had hoped to go back of my grandfather, born in Holland, but this was excluded by the war, tho in the war I corresponded thru contact afforded in "food and clothing packages" with some one near Blyja.

In your correspondence you no doubt have the names of the Chicago Van der Veldes. Some years ago a secretary in the Rotary International Office (1930, I believe) was a Vandervelde. I missed seeing her by one day when I went to a convention there.

I have had some correspondence with an Irma Lucile Vandervelde, Emmetsburg, Iowa, now a student at Morningside College, Morningside, Iowa. She may be related to an M. Vandervelde in Holland Home, Sheldon, Iowa, about 1943 from whom I received a letter saying he was a son of Martin Vandervelde born in Friesland, Fervert and came to America in 1840 and died in 1907. Martin V's father' name was Klaus, and Martin's wife's name was Matje De Haas (may have been De Heus-C.V.). When his father came to America in 1840 he brought with him three nephews "who parted soon after they landed in U.S. They went to Kan. and Neb. but we lost track of them." Note my family has relatives in Kan. and Neb. but they got there in the '70's and '80's.

A George Vandervelde in Randolph, Wisconsin, married my cousin's daughter. They are probably not related to us except distantly. Another Vandervelde, Paul, lives in Friesland, Wisconsin. That community contains most of the descendants of my aunt Sarah (18) who settled there about 1860.

In 1943 I wrote to a Render Vandervelde and received a reply from his daughter Mrs. Rena Gibson, 2031 Charles St., La Crosse, Wis. Render was then 90 years of age. He came to U.S. at the age of 39..very poor..settled in La Crosse,..got a farm in Minnesota..spent the last 24 years in Wisconsin..Grandfather Matthew Vander Velde..father Harkie V...died in 1866..Father Render's brother Matthew and Harkie..Render's uncle Jacob V...William V... Connelius (may have been Cornelius-my baptised name-C.V.)." Sincerely yours,

Conrad Vandervelde

Professor Conrad Vandervelde also traces his lineage to Sapa van der Velde and his wife Wopkie Dykestra. This couple and their children migrated to America from Blyja, Friesland, Holland, a small village near Leeuwarden, Friesland, Holland. They settled in Randolph Center, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, in 1853, a town about twenty-five miles from Kenosha where Karsjen Theessen van der Velde, son of Tees Carsjen, had located in 1847. The children of Sapa and Wopkie van der Velde were: Kloos, Marten, Wopkje, Charles, Onna, Youka, Sarah, Kate, and Jacob. Onna was the grandfather of Dr. Otto van der Velde, as noted above, and Martin was the father of Professor Conrad Vandervelde. Marten van der Velde married Adriana De Swarte, their children are: Samuel, Thomas, Susanna, Cornelius (Conrad), Bartholomew (Bert), Jacob, and Katrina. Professor Conrad Vandervelde married Kate Annelia Cross. Their children are: Carnelia, married to James Eldon Fields, one child, James Marten Fields; and Benjamin Vandervelde, married to Frances Muriel Onstad, two children, Richard Allen and David Arthur Vandervelde.

Chicago Veldes

A Velde name was selected at random from the Chicago telephone book and a query was written to that person. The reply follows:

Received you letter and family record. But I suppose you would not be interested in my record. I am of Norwegian descent and came to America in 1929 from Haugesund, Norway. And the name Velde gets its name from the farm where I was born and raised. Sincerely yours, Louis Velde.

Pennsylvania Veldes

Congressman Paul B. Dague of Pennsylvania remarked to Congressman Harold Velde one day in Washington that ther were Veldes in his District. He did not have their addresses so the editor and genealogist wrote to the County Clerks in Congressman Dague's district for Velde names on their voting lists. The names were promptly sent and inquiries were written. The information received follows:

I. Wigles Miltjes van der Velde, farmer, Terhorne, Friesland.

II. Jelle van der Velde, farmer, Terhorne, Friesland, born, June 27, 1832, Terhorne, Friesland, married Antje Rypkema in Terhorne, Friesland. Children: Riemer, Wiggele, Harm, Ids, Anne, Hantje, Martin, Gerke van der Velde.

III. Reimer van der Velde, born 2-14-1864, Oosterzee, Friesland; married 1-9-1883, Lemmer, Friesland, Finne Klynsma, born 5-20-1864, Oosterzee, Friesland. They came to America in 1894 and changed their names to Riemer and Fannie Velde. Children: George, Frances, Wiebe, Albert, and Jennie Velde.

IV. George Velde, born 8-14-1884, Oosterzee, Friesland, married Mary Hawthorne, 4-24-1912, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Children: Jennie (Hull), Thelma (Quinn), Marion (Hare) and George, Junior Velde.

IV. Frances Velde, born 5-12-1886, Oosterzee, Friesland; married Isaac Rodenboh, 10-19-1907, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Children: Jessie (Highbarger) and Elwood Rodenboh.

IV. Wiebe Velde, born 10-6-1890, Terhorne, Friesland, married Cora Aument, born 6-24-1898, Chester County. Pennsylvania. Children: Raymond Aument and Virginia Margaret Velde. Wiebe Velde attended Public Schools, Chester County; belongs to East Whiteland Presbyterian Church, Frazer, Pa.; East Goshen Parent Teacher League; Goshen Grange No. 121; Fame Fire Company, West Chester; and Goshen Fire Company, East Goshen, Pennsylvania. Mr. Velde added this comment to his notes: We were very glad to hear that there are other Veldes in this country. Although I did hear Congressman Velde on Radio, and wondered if it could be any of our family. This part of the family all settled here and seem to stay in this part of the Country.

IV. William Velde, born 5-13-1893, Terhorne, Friesland; married Helen Piersol, 9-12-1924, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Child: Betty Velde Dodson.

IV. Albert Velde, born 5-8-1895, Chester County, Pennsylvania; married Elizabeth Davis, born 3-7-1895. Children: Elizabeth and Mildred-both married. He wrote: We are living two and a half miles south of Paoli but our address is Berwyn because we haven't any rural delivery from Paoli We belong to the Methodist Church. There are some Veldes in Boston, Massachusetts, but I have never found out anything about them yet. And over in Orange, New Jersey; there are some more. There is an Avenue named Velde Avenue, so if we could get them gathered together there would be quite a few of them. Address: R.D. #1, Berwyn, Pennsylvania.

V. Raymond A. Velde, born 12-26-1917, married Mary Supplee. They have one son and two daughters.

V. Virginia Margaret Velde, born 11-11-1921; married Benjamin F. Wynn; no children.

IV. Jennie Velde, born 5-15-1899, Chester County, Pennsylvania; married 6-24-1920, George E. Williams. Child: George E. Williams."She wrote: I am Jennie Velde Williams, sister-in-law of Congressman Paul B. Dague, and the daughter of the late Riemer Velde. My brother, George Velde, referred your letter to me as our Mother makes her home with me, and we are sending the information that you asked for, as much as is known to us. This is very interesting to me, and I would appreciate it greatly if you would tell me the names of Harold Velde's parents and grandparents. Also I would like very much to have one of your books when completed."

III. Gerke van der Velde, born 10-2-1871. At the end of this lineage, sent by Mrs. Williams was given the mailing address of Mr. Gerke van der Velde, with the suggestion that further information could be obtained from him. An air mail letter to him brought the following answer:

Dear Sir,

The writer of this is a granddaughter of Gerke van der Velde who got your letter asking about the Van der Velde name. Grandfather can read English but cannot write it (a very little bit). So he told me to write to you this:

"I am very sorry to tell I know very few about my parents and grandparents. I can remember daddy talking about his father whose name was: Wigle Miltjes van der Velde, farmer in Terhorne, Friesland, part of the Netherlands). My father's name was Jelle Wigles van der Velde, born 27 of June 1832 also farmer in Terhorne. You know my address, I am born October 2, 1871.

I fear everything is not of much use to you. We know there are many people living in the neighborhood who also have the name Van der Velde. In our village there are three different family's having this name and as far as we know no relations of each other. One of them has a different belief, we go to the Reformed Church. There are many different Reformed religions in Holland. One of the Van der Velde family goes to a different Reformed church; I cannot say the name in the American language, I only can tell you a difference. We are allowed to do everything on Sunday we like, They aren't allowed to ride a bike. to do sport, to dance and all such things. They go to church twice on Sunday (we one time) and walk and read and do the work that is needed, to cook a bit, things like this.

I suppose the name is made after the place were people lived when surnames were slowly evolving. I do not know a profession of which it can be made.

I do hope you get this letter before December 1, Sir. Of course I do not know if you know Marian R. Velde, 177 West Gay Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania, married with George Glare, but please if you do tell her I send my best wishes. She's a cousin of Jennie Velde Williams as far as I know and I write to her already for years. In the summer of 1951, so next summer I hope to come to America. Perhaps you have heard that young farmer sons and daughters from Holland are sent to America to work there and to study everything. We arrive in April I think in New York, people from E.C.A. will be here to meet us and to tell us where we have to go. First we go to Washington then, will stay there a week before we go to different places (there are forty-five boys and five girls then). Of course I am longing for this time ever so much, I am sure American people are very good, we often, noticed that. We have to be very thankful to them for many things they did for us.

East Friesland is a part of Germany now as you know, we have no relations there. The to towns you mentioned Wirdum a small village, is in our neighborgood, but we never heard of Norden, Hamswehrum.

I close, saying again I am terrible sorry that I cannot tell you more.

My name and address is:
Annie van der Velde
Rauwerd 202, Friesland, Holland.
(aged 23)

P.S. Forgive me please if this letter is to a woman; I do not know the name Winona."

There are other Veldes, Vanderveldes, and van der Veldes in the United States but time did not permit seeking them out. First the addresses of persons must be secured, then inquiries must be sent to individuals and each individual must do his own bit of research -- all time consuming, but extremely interesting.

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